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Preface

Learners of English may find the IELTS Speaking test very challenging as it is a one-to-one interaction between a candidate and an examiner. In addition, the three parts in the test require the candidate to use a range of different speaking skills.

Understanding learners' difficulties, I have tried to work out user-friendly materials to facilitate English learning, especially helping English learners to improve their speaking skill more rapidly and effectively.

Our practical step-by-step guide to test practice as well as important skills presented and explained will certainly meet your expectations and bring success to your coming IELTS test.

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Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. It will ______ much ______ for you to ______ me by that name.
2. They wanted ______ to be a ______ and a ______ person.
3. I ______ to Seoul to ______ a better ______ when I was 20.
4. I ______ remember much ______ Canada because I was ______.
5. I loved ______ up in Seoul and I enjoyed ______ lots of ______.
6. I was really ______ to leave ______ a wonderful place and had to ______ good-bye to all my friends.
7. I ______ most of my days ______ with my friends on a ______.
8. I ______ up in a very ______ and ______ family.
9. It was really ______ to make ______ and feel ______ to my school.
10. I got to ______ some great friends ______ I still keep a ______ relationship with.
11. I ______ it is very ______ to have a ______ mind.
12. I always ______ myself ______ and try to find ______ to do.
13. It makes me ______ very good about ______.
14. People ______ think of me ______ a nosy person.
15. My mother ______ to read me many books ______ I was going to ______.
16. It helps ______ to develop their ______.
17. All the ______ that I face every day become very easy to ______ when I have a ______ attitude.
18. My ______ have had a big ______ on forming my ______.
19. They have told ______ to have a good ______ toward my daily life.
20. Their wise ______ has ______ helped me to ______ a good person.

Warm-up ☞ Say it in English

- This section asks you to listen and fill in the missing words in key sentences that will be used in the sections that follow. Then, you are advised to say each whole sentence aloud.

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▸ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns accordingly.)

Ex 1. **It is easy for <u>you</u> to remember him by this name.**

Statement

(1) you It is easy for you to remember him by this name.
(2) he It is easy for him to remember him by this name.
(3) we It is ______.
(4) she It is ______.
(5) they It is ______.

Warm-up ☞ Speak up – Step 1

- This section gives you an opportunity to practise speaking up by changing personal pronouns and possessive adjectives according to the order of utterances and pronouns given, using the example statement provided.

Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

▸ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly, if necessary.)

1. It is easy for you to remember him by this name.
2. My parents wanted me to be a beautiful and a loving person.
3. I moved to Ho Chi Minh City to get a better job when I was 20 years old.
4. I remember a few things about Tien Giang.

Warm-up ☞ Speak up – Step 2

- In this section, you will use the 20 statements given to practise speaking up by following the order mentioned and changing the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

What is your name?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

My name is My Ly. I have an English nickname. Please call me Lily.

Advanced Answer

My name is My Ly, but my friends call me Lily because it sounds very similar to my Vietnamese name. You can call me Lily because it will be much easier for you to remember me by that name.

Question 2

What does your name mean?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Practice Test ☞ Part 1

- Five typical questions in Part 1 of the IELTS Speaking test are given. You are asked to think of your personal answer to each of these questions and say it aloud.
- Lower-level learners may look at standard answers, whereas higher-level ones may employ advanced answers as sample answers.

Practice Test

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe your personality.

You should say:

what kind of person you think you are
what your family and friends think about your personality
whether or not you think your personality is special

and how your personality affects your life.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I think I am a very happy person. I have many friends and I always stay busy. My parents and my friends tell me that I keep myself too busy, but I don't think so. I'm also a sociable person. I like meeting new people and I also like helping others. It makes me feel very good. My personality helps me become a positive person, and that makes me very special. I think it is very important to have a healthy mind.

Practice Test ☞ Part 2

- Two typical topic-card questions in Part 2 of the IELTS Speaking test are given. You are asked to think of your personal answer and then speak on the points listed for 1–2 minutes.
- Lower-level learners may look at standard answers, whereas higher-level ones may employ advanced answers as sample answers.

Practice Test

Part 3

Question 1

How do you like your personality?

Suggested input

Positive personality

attentive, charming, considerate, courageous, friendly, generous, optimistic, organized, responsible, sincere, sociable, understanding

Negative personality

aggressive, arrogant, bossy, cowardly, dishonest, irresponsible, pessimistic, fussy

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Well, I don't think that my personality is perfect. However, I am happy that I'm an optimistic and a diligent person. I feel that all the troubles that I face every day become very easy to solve when I have a positive attitude toward them. If I had to change one thing, it would be

Practice Test ☞ Part 3

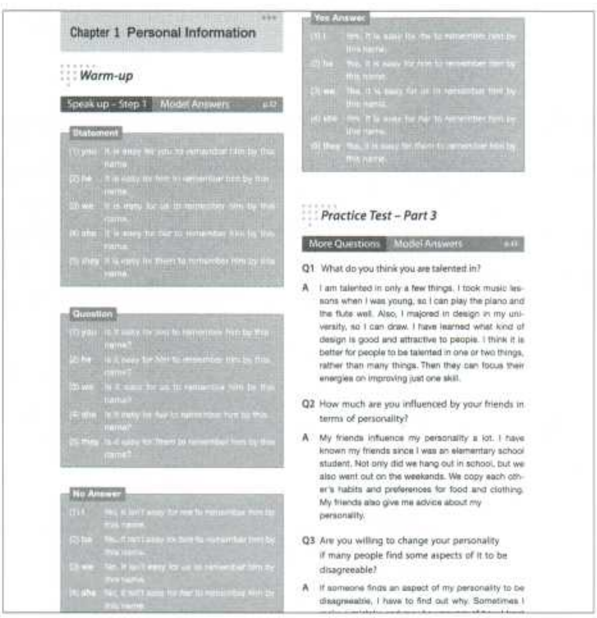
- Five typical questions in Part 3 of the IELTS Speaking test are given. You are asked to think of your personal answer to each of these questions and say it aloud.
- You may use the suggested input below each question in this part to prepare for your own answer.
- In addition to these five questions, more questions are provided for your further speaking practice.

Vocabulary

nickname	coachman
be similar to ex. Your opinion is similar to mine.	optimistic
be composed of	diligent
consider A to be B	attitude
capital	direct
be raised	offend
headquarters	influence
convenient	impact
grow up	form
caring	fortunate
playground	have something in common
castle	complement
hide-and-seek	shape
rough	dull
transfer *n.* ex. a transfer (student)	trauma
sociable	most likely to
outgoing	hire
housework	care
backfire	determine
think of A as B	suitable
nosy	cooperate
	colleague

Vocabulary

- This part lists vocabulary items that have previously been used in model answers either for your reference or meaning revision.



Answers

- At the end of the book, model answers to sections of Speak up – Step 1 and More Questions are provided for your checking and further practice.

Main Features

Each chapter of the book contains a number of particular topic-related questions so that they are not repeated or redundant.

(A) Model answer(s) is/are always provided below each typical question in the three parts of the Speaking test.

Standard and advanced answers are separately provided, which facilitates learners' application according to their levels.

In addition to every five typical questions presented, possible questions in Part 3 of the IELTS Speaking test are supplied.

Questions are grouped according to particular topics. Learners, therefore, can easily select what they want to practise.

Each chapter will begin with an overview of all the questions that will be presented in detail in the parts that follow. It will end with a list of vocabulary items that are previously used in the model answers.

Learners may select any statements out of the 20 ones in the part **Say it in English** to complete the gaps and then say the whole statements aloud to familiarise themselves with common English vocabulary and structures.

Model statements together with cues for substitution drills in the **Speak up** sections help learners to form language habits. These statements are also recorded for learners to check their drills.

More Questions to Part 3 enable learners to have more opportunities for further practice. Most model answers to these questions are recorded for learners' reference.

Effective Methods of Test Preparation

You should proceed from controlled activities to freer and free practice by following the steps presented in this book to improve your speaking skill in a systematic and effective way.

First, in **Say it in English** section known as controlled activities, you should listen to each sentence on the recording once and fill in the missing words. After finishing 20 sentences, you will listen to each sentence again and say it aloud, paying much attention to accurate pronunciation.

Next, in **Speak up – Step 1** section, you should practise speaking up, using the substitution drill as directed.

Then, in **Speak up – Step 2** section, you should read out each statement given, memorise it and do not look at it again, transform it according to the order mentioned, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

In addition, all the possible questions in the three parts of the **Practice Test** sections lead you to freer practice. For questions in Parts 1 and 2, you may refer to the **Standard** and **Advanced Answers** before trying to produce your personal answers. For Part 3 questions, you can make use of the **Suggested input** and **Model Answers** provided so as to think of your own answers.

Finally, the **More Questions** at the end of each **Practice Test** will give you an opportunity for free practice. You should make an attempt to produce your own answers before listening to the answers on the recording to learn more language or gain some experience in responding to Part 3 questions.

IELTS Overview

What is IELTS?

IELTS, which is short for the International English Language Testing System, was introduced in 1989. The IELTS test is designed to assess the English language ability of non-native candidates who want to study in countries where the medium of instruction is English.

IELTS is jointly managed by the British Council, IDP: IELTS Australia, and the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL) through more than 800 locations in over 130 countries. This is essentially an examination of British English, not American English.

Depending on each individual plan, a candidate must select to sit either the Academic IELTS test or the General Training IELTS test. This choice must be made when applying to sit the test. IELTS Academic module is the preferred test of English for students intending to study in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and increasingly, the USA. The General Training module is suitable for candidates who are migrating to English-speaking countries or going to English-speaking countries to complete their secondary education or undertake training programmes.

IELTS Test Format

Both the Academic and General Training modules cover all four language skills: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking.

The table below helps you to understand more clearly about the format and timing of the two IELTS modules.

	Academic Module	General Training Module
Listening	4 sections; 40 questions – 30 minutes	4 sections; 40 questions – 30 minutes
Reading	3 sections; 40 questions 3 texts 1 hour	3 sections; 40 questions 3 texts 1 hour
Writing	2 tasks 1 hour	2 tasks 1 hour
Speaking	3 parts 11–14 minutes	3 parts 11–14 minutes

a. Listening

The Listening test is the same for both the Academic and General Training modules. It is in four sections with a total of 40 questions in order of increasing difficulty and will last about 30 minutes with an extra 10 minutes at the end for candidates to transfer their answers to the answer sheet.

In the Listening test, candidates will listen to four recorded texts in the form of monologues and conversations by a variety of voices and native-speaker accents. They then write their answers to a range of 40 questions which test the ability of understanding main ideas and detailed factual information, the opinions and attitudes of speakers, the purpose of what is said, and the ability of following the development of ideas.

b. Reading

In terms of reading, the Academic and General Training Reading tests are similar in many ways. The Reading test of both modules lasts one hour with three passages and a total of 40 questions and is scored in the same way. Noticeably, the main difference lies in the contents of the passages. In addition, candidates have to mark their answers while doing the test since they have no time to transfer their answers to the answer sheet as they can in the Listening test.

The Academic Reading test includes three long passages which range from the descriptive and factual to the discursive and analytical. All passages are authentic and taken from books, journals, newspapers, magazines, or research papers. These have been selected for a non-specialist audience but are recognisably appropriate for anyone entering undergraduate or postgraduate courses or seeking professional registration.

The General Training Reading test includes easier passages taken from books, magazines, newspapers, notices, advertisements, company handbooks, or guidelines. These are materials candidates are likely to encounter on a daily basis in an English-speaking environment.

c. Writing

The Writing test of both the Academic and General Training modules consists of two tasks, and candidates are given one hour to complete the test.

For the General Training Writing test, candidates have to complete two tasks of 150 words and 250 words respectively. Task 1 is always a letter, while Task 2, which is similar to that of the Academic module, is an essay based on a given title.

For the Academic Writing test, in Task 1, candidates are given a title based on some graphic or pictorial information, and they are expected to write a descriptive report of at least 150 words on the information provided. In Task 2, candidates are expected to produce an essay of at least 250 words on a given title whose topics are of general interest to and suitable for anyone entering undergraduate or postgraduate studies or seeking professional registration. Importantly, responses to both tasks must be written in a formal style.

d. Speaking

The Speaking test is the same for both the Academic and General Training modules and aims at assessing candidates' use of spoken English. Every test is recorded and takes between 11 and 14 minutes to complete.

The Speaking test consists of three parts:

In Part 1, each candidate is asked to answer general questions about himself/herself and a range of familiar topics, such as home, family, work, studies, or interests. This part lasts between 4 and 5 minutes.

In Part 2, the candidate is given a card which asks him/her to talk about a particular topic. He/She will have one minute to prepare before speaking for up to two minutes. The examiner then asks him/her one or two follow-up questions on the same topic to finish this part of the test.

In Part 3, the examiner will ask the candidate further questions connected to the topic in Part 2. These questions give him/her an opportunity to discuss more abstract issues and ideas. This part lasts between four and five minutes.

Actually, the Speaking test is delivered in such a way that does not allow the candidate to rehearse set responses beforehand.

IELTS Registration

To register for an IELTS test, you can apply online, in person, or by post. To register online, you first have to check and select a test date, then register your personal details, and last pay by credit card.

If you register in person, you should follow these 5 simple steps:

1. Contact the test centre you plan to sit the test to check the availability of the IELTS test dates of your choice. In Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, you can register at the British Council or IDP Australia.
2. Complete an application form (obtained from the test centres in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City or downloaded from www.ielts.org).
3. Provide two recent passport-sized photographs (taken within 6 months before the date of registration and remember that you must not wear glasses in your photographs).
4. Provide a photocopy of your ID card/passport.
5. Make payment in Vietnam Dong only.

You must complete each step in this process in order. Your IELTS registration will not be confirmed until you have finished all these 5 steps.

If you want to register by post, you can apply by following the steps below:

1. Contact the test centres to check the availability of the IELTS test dates of your choice.
2. Download an application form.
3. Fill out the application form.
4. Enclose two passport-sized photos (taken within 6 months before the date of registration and remember that you must not wear glasses in your photographs).
5. Enclose a photocopy of your ID card/passport (no notarization required).
6. Send to the intended test centre. It is advisable that you use express services so as to avoid late delivery or your documents going missing.

If you want your results to be sent automatically to a university or an educational institution, you must point out this detail in the corresponding section on your IELTS application form.

Once you have registered, the test centre will confirm your IELTS test date, time, and venue. Also note that the Speaking test can be taken up to 7 days before or after the test date.

IELTS Results

Your results can be accessed online 13 days after the written test date (i.e. after 12 noon on the second Friday as of the test date if it was on a Saturday). You will need to enter your candidate number, passport or ID number, date of birth, and then select the date you took the test.

The original Test Report Form will be sent to you by post, unless you indicate on the form given to you on the test date that you would like to collect it in person. You can also authorise someone to collect the form, with a signed letter giving this person's name and passport/ID number (the person must carry the mentioned ID), and a copy of your passport/ID.

Another original copy will be sent directly to the educational institution of your choice if you have specified this on your application form.

In actual fact, the IELTS test result is valid for 2 years. However, some universities or organisations may have their own regulations concerning the period of validity.

IELTS Band Scores

IELTS is a multi-level exam, so there is no pass or fail in the IELTS test. Candidates are graded on their performance, using a band score from 1 to 9 for each part of the test – Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. The results from the four parts then produce an Overall Band Score. All parts of the test and the Overall Band Score can be reported in whole and half bands, e.g. 6.0, 6.5, 7.0, 7.5, etc. Most targeted universities often demand an IELTS score of 6.0 or 7.0. They may also demand a minimum score in each of the four parts. This unique 9-band system measures scores in a consistent manner – wherever and whenever the test is taken, i.e. it is internationally recognised.

Below is a summary of the IELTS 9-band scale descriptors.

Band 9: Expert user has fully operational command of the language: appropriate, accurate and fluent with complete understanding.

Band 8: Very good user has fully operational command of the language with only occasional unsystematic inaccuracies and inappropriacies (i.e. misunderstandings may occur in unfamiliar situations) and handles complex detailed argumentation well.

Band 7: Good user has operational command of the language though with occasional inaccuracies (there may be inappropriacies and misunderstandings in some situations) and generally handles complex language well and understands detailed reasoning.

Band 6: Competent user has generally effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies and is able to use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations.

Band 5: Modest user has partial command of the language, coping with overall meaning in most situations though he/she is likely to make many mistakes and should be able to handle basic communication in his/her own field.

Band 4: Limited user's basic competence is limited to familiar situations; he/she has frequent problems in understanding and expression and is not able to use complex language.

Band 3: Extremely limited user conveys and understands only general meaning in very familiar situations and frequent breakdowns in communication occur.

Band 2: Intermittent user has no real communication apart from the most basic information (i.e. using isolated words or short formulae in familiar situations) and has great difficulty in understanding spoken and written English.

Band 1: Non-user essentially has no ability to use the language beyond possibly a few isolated words.

Band 0: Did not attempt the test: No assessable information is provided.

Since 1 July, 2007, both whole-number and half-band scores, such as 5.5, 6.5, etc. are given for the Speaking and Writing tests. If the average score is not a whole number or a half number, it is rounded to the nearest whole number or half number.

A Rough Comparison of Scores among International Tests

IELTS	TOEFL		TOEIC	CEFR
	PBT	iBT		
9.0	677	120	990	C2 (CPE)
8.0+	630+	110+	950+	
7.0+	570+	90+	750+	C1 (CAE)
6.0+	540+	75+	650+	B2 (FCE)
5.0+	480+	55+	450+	B1 (PET)
4.0+	400+	30+	300+	A2 (KET)

Preparation for Your IELTS Test

You should prepare for your test not only before taking it but also on the test day by following the pieces of advice below.

During the week prior to your test:

- Check the start time and location of your IELTS test and make sure you know how to get there on time. Note that the address of your IELTS test location may be different to that of the test centre where you booked your test.
- Read full details of the *IELTS test terms and conditions* for important information about your IELTS test day.

On your test day:

- Arrive in good time for your IELTS test. If you arrive late, you may not be allowed to take the test.
- Switch off your mobile phone and any other electronic devices. You will be asked to place these with other personal belongings outside the test room.
- Note that the Listening, Reading, and Writing tests take 2 hours 40 minutes, and there are no breaks between each part of the test.
- Make sure you are well prepared and have something to eat and drink beforehand. You will not be allowed to take food into the test room, but you will be allowed to take a drink in a transparent bottle only.
- Make sure you have the right ID with you as the IELTS test location staff will check your identity when you arrive. If you arrive with the wrong ID, you will not be allowed to take the test.

Besides, you need to know that some test locations now also take a photograph of you on the test day – this photograph taken by the test centre will appear on your Test Report Form to provide increased identity security. Your test centre will let you know if it is going to do this.

Advantages of IELTS

Taking an IELTS test will bring you several advantages.

Firstly, it helps you to open doors to international education and employment all over the globe. Almost all universities in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the UK accept IELTS. In the USA, IELTS scores are accepted by over 2,500 universities and colleges including Ivy League and other top institutions. IELTS is also used as proof of your language ability for immigration to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the UK.

Secondly, all IELTS tests are guaranteed to show your true ability to communicate in English with all four language skills – listening, reading, writing, and speaking – in a way that is relevant to the real world. Specifically, IELTS uses Australian, North American, and British varieties of English, making it a truly international test. Especially, the Speaking test is a face-to-face interview with a certified examiner, which is interactive and as close to a real-life situation as a test can get.

Thirdly, research shows that IELTS motivates test-takers to develop real and well-rounded English rather than learning by rote. This means your understanding of English is improved and valid for real life in an English-speaking country.

Lastly, IELTS is managed by the three reputable, international organisations that give it the highest quality control and security procedures. More conveniently, the test is offered up to four times a month by test centres in more than 130 countries.

The IELTS Speaking Test

The IELTS Speaking test is the same for both the Academic and General Training modules. It is different from the other parts of the IELTS test because it is a one-to-one interaction between a candidate and an examiner. The three parts in the test give the candidate an opportunity to use a wide range of speaking skills. The Speaking test is recorded.

Speaking Test Format

Parts	Time	Task description
Part 1 – Introduction and Interview	4–5 minutes	The examiner introduces himself or herself and confirms candidate's identity by asking questions about the candidate. Next, the examiner asks the candidate about familiar topic frames.
Part 2 – Individual Long Turn	3–4 minutes	The examiner asks the candidate to speak for 1–2 minutes on a particular topic. Information is given on a card and the candidate has 1 minute to prepare before he/she starts. The examiner asks one or two questions after the candidate's presentation.
Part 3 – Two-way Discussion	4–5 minutes	The examiner invites the candidate to participate in a discussion of a more abstract topic related to the topic on the card in Part 2.

Speaking Tips

1. Be sure to speak loudly enough as you will be recorded while taking the test.
2. Smile and make eye contact with the examiner. Do not use too much body language.
3. Do not hesitate to ask the examiner to repeat his or her questions when you have problems understanding them.
4. Do not just give one-word answers, but include more information.
5. Keep a steady pace and do not try to memorise answers to sample subjects.
6. Stay on the topic given. Do not change the subject or the examiner will think you have misunderstood and may give you a lower mark.
7. Be polite and do not show off your knowledge since you are assessed on your ability to communicate and to take the initiative in a conversation.

Speaking Test Preparation

1. Have daily discussions with friends. Take turns asking each other questions about current events and develop your ability to speak about common topics, using a variety of sentence structures and vocabulary.
2. Practise describing what you mean if you get stuck on vocabulary. You may use a phrase or a sentence to express yourself if you cannot find out the right word at the right time.
3. Listen to as much English as you can, especially listen to native speakers' voice regularly so as not to misunderstand examiner's questions.
4. Talk for 1 to 2 minutes on a topic in Part 2 and record yourself using a computer or a tape recorder, then listen to your recorded voice and take notes of which words are mispronounced and check them in a good dictionary to get them right.
5. Practise the focussed skills as much as possible as each part of the speaking test tests a different skill.
6. Practise speaking with a watch. You should talk for about 2 minutes on any topic presented in this book to get an idea of how long 2 minutes is and approximately how much content you will have to cover.

Sample Interview Questions

Sample Questions 1

Part 1 Do you live with your family or with friends?
What do your family members do for a living?
What do you and your family like to do together?
Who do you talk to most in your family?
What do you do as a family on special occasions like weddings or feasts?

Part 2

Describe a typical modern family.
You should say:
how big it is
who is usually in charge of family affairs
how housework is shared
and discuss how it compares to a traditional family.

What are the disadvantages of living in an extended family?
Is family an old-fashioned idea?
Do you mind living in a big family?

Part 3 What responsibilities do children have toward their parents?

Has women's role in family changed greatly?

What do you think is the best way to keep in touch with friends and family when you're away from home? Why?

What do you think tomorrow's family will be like?

Are you willing to live a very different family life from that of your parents?

Sample Questions 2

Part 1 Where do you live?

Do you like your neighbors?

What kind of landscape surrounds your home town?

Do you rent your accommodation?

What kind of place do you live in, a house or a flat?

Part 2

> Describe the neighborhood that you live in at the moment.
>
> You should say:
>
> where it is
>
> what the people are like
>
> what some of the major landmarks are
>
> and why you like or dislike your home town.

What kind of neighbors do you wish to have?

Have you lived in other types of accommodation before?

When you buy a house, what is the most important thing to consider?

Part 3 What kind of accommodation would you like to live in?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of living with friends?

What are some of the changes in relationship between neighbors in the past years?

What is the role of the community in improving the relationship between neighbors?

How do you like your current accommodation?

Marking Criteria

- **Fluency and Coherence** – How fluent is your speaking and can you link your ideas together well?
- **Pronunciation** – How accurate is your pronunciation and word stress?
- **Lexical Resource** – How varied is your vocabulary? Do you use it appropriately?
- **Grammatical Range and Accuracy** – How accurate is your grammar? Do you use a wide range of grammar in your sentences?

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How are IELTS Speaking scores calculated?
   Each part of the Speaking test receives the same weight.

2. How are the scores for each criterion calculated?
   Each criterion is given the same weight. It is really important to know that each area is as important as the others. The examiner will give you a mark out of 9 for each area. At the end of the test, your score for each area will be added up and then divided by four. This will be your combined speaking score.

3. Can I ask the examiner to repeat a question?
   Yes, you can.

4. What should I do if I don't understand a question?
   It depends on which part you are answering. In Part 1, the examiner is able to repeat the question but will not offer you much help beyond that. In Part 2, you can ask for clarification during your one-minute preparation time if you need to. It is not a good idea to ask questions during the two-minute speaking time as this will disturb the fluency of your response. In Part 3, the examiner is able to offer much more help and can paraphrase the question for you. You should try to use checking questions such as *Do you mean*...? rather than simply say *Sorry, I don't understand*.

5. Can I change the topic card in Part 2?
   No, you can't.

6. Can I ask some personal questions or ask about my result when the interview ends?
   No, you can't.

7. What may happen if I speak too long on a question?
   The examiner will stop you when necessary.

8. Should I give short or long answers?
   You should not give one-word answers but expand your answers as necessary to show your oral ability.

9. Should I use British accent only?
   As IELTS is an international test, a variety of English accents are accepted. It does not matter whether you speak with an American or British accent. The important point is your comprehensible pronunciation and communication skill.

10. Can I start speaking before the one-minute preparation time is over?
    Yes. If you don't need the whole minute, you can begin speaking when you are ready. It is advisable, though, for you to make full use of the preparation time. The examiner will stop you when the time is up or when they want to ask another question. If the examiner stops you abruptly, don't be put off by this, it is normal.

Advice on the Test Day

1. Only take your identity card into the test room. Everything needed in the test will be provided by the examiner.
2. Do not be nervous. The more nervous you are, the less you can express yourself.
3. Answer as much as you can to questions in Part 1 but remember that each question usually asks for only one piece of information. It is, therefore, best to give this information and add an extra of one or two sentences.
4. Jot down some ideas for questions on the topic card in Part 2, using the paper given by the examiner to help you to organise your ideas and to keep talking. Try to talk for the full 2 minutes to provide the examiner with good assessment.
5. Begin speaking immediately in Part 3. You should certainly give longer answers than the previous parts. If possible, try to give more than one reason to support your opinion. Even better, compare and contrast different ideas to expand your answer further.
6. Do not use rote answers but just listen carefully to the examiner and respond to the question naturally and fluently. Remember that this is not a test of knowledge, and there is no single answer. Do not memorise set responses! If you do, it will sound false and come across as if you are making a speech! You need to sound natural all through the test.
7. Use a few useful expressions when you just can't come up with anything to say, for example, *I'm afraid I've never really thought about this issue before.*
8. Never hesitate to ask the interviewer again, in case you have not understood or heard any question properly. But do it politely.
9. Try and stick to the topic on Part 3 of the test. This is the section where the examiner will really try and get an understanding of your knowledge. Be sure to use proper grammar and accents when appropriate.
10. Always smile and say *Thank You* at the end of the test.

Three Parts of the Speaking Test

1. Part 1

This part will last between 4–5 minutes and involves a general introduction. Initially, the examiner confirms that he or she has the right person by checking the candidate's name, origin, and identification. Then, the examiner asks the candidate about familiar topics in life such as his/her country, home town, family, studies/jobs, free-time activities, future plans, etc.

Examples Where do you come from?
Where did you grow up?
Where is your home town?

You should practise answering the typical questions in this part by using lists of questions provided in this book.

2. Part 2

Part 2 is the long turn or individual talk. It provides an opportunity for the candidate to deliver a long, uninterrupted response. The examiner will give the candidate a topic card with a subject such as education, family, work, interests and lifestyle and some cues or a few guiding questions on the card. These questions are short, and the structure of the questions is simple. The candidate must talk for 1 to 2 minutes on this subject. He/She is expected to demonstrate an ability to construct a long sample of English. The examiner will assess the candidate's fluency, coherence, range of structures, pronunciation and vocabulary.

The candidate has an optional 1 minute in order to prepare for his/her talk, and is provided with some paper and a pencil in order to make some brief notes. After the candidate's talk, the examiner will ask 1 or 2 brief questions in order to finish off this part which takes about 3–4 minutes.

Examples **Topic Card**

Describe your personality.

You should say:

what kind of person you think you are
what your family and friends think about your personality
whether you think your personality is special

and how your personality affects your life.

Follow-up questions
How do you like your personality?
How have your teachers influenced you?

3. Part 3

Part 3 is the most complex testing part of the IELTS Speaking test. Here, the examiner will prompt and lead the candidate with a series of questions on the topic spoken about in Part 2. These questions will be more demanding and require some critical analysis on the part of the candidate. The examiner is still in control, but must allow the candidate to produce longer utterances or discuss the questions. The candidate will be scored on how effectively he/she can develop the abstract ideas on the IELTS test. These questions and discussions may take 4–5 minutes.

Examples What do you think you are talented in?

How much are you influenced by your friends in terms of personality?

Are you willing to change your personality if many people find some aspects of it to be disagreeable?

Do you believe that people considered eccentric are talented in certain fields?

Do you plan to have a different family life from that of your parents? What are some changes you would like to make?

Chapter 1

Personal Information

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 1

Part 1 Questions

1. What is your name?
2. What does your name mean?
3. Where do you come from?
4. Where did you grow up?
5. What was your childhood like?

Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe your personality.

   You should say:

   what kind of person you think you are
   what your family and friends think about your personality
   whether or not you think your personality is special

   and how your personality affects your life.

2. Describe a children's story that you know well.

   You should say:

   when you first heard or read it
   what the story is about
   what you particularly liked about it

   and why you think it became popular.

Part 3 Questions

1. How do you like your personality?
2. How have your parents influenced you in terms of personality?
3. Do you contact people whose personality is totally different from yours?
4. What are the main factors that contribute to shaping one's personality?
5. When you hire someone for a job, will you care to look at his personality?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. It will _____ much _____ for you to _____ me by that name.
2. They wanted _____ to be a _____ and a _____ person.
3. I _____ to Seoul to _____ a better _____ when I was 20.
4. I _____ remember much _____ Canada because I was _____.
5. I loved _____ up in Seoul and I enjoyed _____ lots of _____.
6. I was really _____ to leave _____ a wonderful place and had to _____ good-bye to all my friends.
7. I _____ most of my days _____ with my friends on a _____.
8. I _____ up in a very _____ and _____ family.
9. It was really _____ to make _____ and feel _____ to my school.
10. I got to _____ some great friends _____ I still keep a _____ relationship with.
11. I _____ it is very _____ to have a _____ mind.
12. I always _____ myself _____ and try to find _____ to do.
13. It makes me _____ very good about _____.
14. People _____ think of me _____ a nosy person.
15. My mother _____ to read me many books _____ I was going to _____.
16. It helps _____ to develop their _____.
17. All the _____ that I face every day become very easy to _____ when I have a _____ attitude.
18. My _____ have had a big _____ on forming my _____.
19. They have told _____ to have a good _____ toward my daily life.
20. Their wise _____ has _____ helped me to _____ a good person.

Answers

1. be, easier, remember
2. me, beautiful, loving
3. moved, get, job
4. don't, about, young
5. growing, making, friends
6. sad, such, say
7. spent, playing, playground
8. grew, loving, caring
9. hard, friends, attached
10. make, whom, close
11. think, important, healthy
12. keep, busy, something
13. feel, myself
14. might, as
15. used, when, bed
16. children, imagination
17. troubles, solve, positive
18. parents, impact, personality
19. me, attitude
20. advice, greatly, become

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns accordingly.)

Ex 1. **It is easy for <u>you</u> to remember him by this name.**

Statement

(1) **you** It is easy for <u>you</u> to remember him by this name.
(2) **he** It is easy for <u>him</u> to remember him by this name.
(3) **we** It is ______________________________.
(4) **she** It is ______________________________.
(5) **they** It is ______________________________.

Question

(1) **you** Is it easy for <u>you</u> to remember him by this name?
(2) **he** Is it easy for <u>him</u> to remember him by this name?
(3) **we** Is it ______________________________?
(4) **she** Is it ______________________________?
(5) **they** Is it ______________________________?

No Answer

(1) I No, it isn't easy for me to remember him by this name.

(2) he No, ______________________________.

(3) we No, ______________________________.

(4) she No, ______________________________.

(5) they No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, it is easy for me to remember him by this name.

(2) he Yes, ______________________________.

(3) we Yes, ______________________________.

(4) she Yes, ______________________________.

(5) they Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **It is very important to have a healthy mind.**

Statement

It is very important to have a healthy mind.

Question

Is it very important to have a healthy mind?

No Answer

No, it isn't very important to have a healthy mind.

Yes Answer

Yes, it is very important to have a healthy mind.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly, if necessary.)

1. It is easy for you to remember him by this name.
2. My parents wanted me to be a beautiful and a loving person.
3. I moved to Ho Chi Minh City to get a better job when I was 20 years old.
4. I remember a few things about Tien Giang.
5. I enjoyed making lots of friends.
6. I am really sad to leave such a wonderful place.
7. I spent most of my days playing with my friends.
8. I grew up in a very loving and caring family.
9. It was really hard for me to make friends at school.
10. I still have a close relationship with my high school friends.
11. It is very important to have a healthy mind.

12. I always keep myself busy.
13. It makes me feel very good about myself.
14. I think of him as a nosy person.
15. My mother used to read me many books when I was going to bed.
16. It helps me to develop my imagination.
17. All the troubles are easy to solve when I have a positive attitude.
18. My father has had a big impact on forming my personality.
19. He has told me to have a good attitude toward my daily life.
20. My brother's advice has greatly helped me to become a good person.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

What is your name?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

My name is My Ly. I have an English nickname. Please call me Lily.

Advanced Answer

My name is My Ly, but my friends call me Lily because it sounds very similar to my Vietnamese name. You can call me Lily because it will be much easier for you to remember me by that name.

Question 2

What does your name mean?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

My name is composed of Chinese characters. "My" means beauty and "Ly" means a kind of flower. My parents gave me that name because they wanted me to be a beautiful person.

Advanced Answer

Just like most Vietnamese names, my name is composed of Chinese characters. "My Ly" means a beautiful flower. My grandfather gave me that name because he wanted his granddaughter to become a beautiful person like a nice flower. I am thankful to him for giving me such a great name. I am very proud of it.

Question 3

Where do you come from?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I come from Can Tho Province. It's in the southern part of Vietnam. I moved to Ho Chi Minh City to get a better job when I was 20. I have lived here ever since. I love Ho Chi Minh City, but I consider Can Tho Province to be my home town.

Advanced Answer

I come from Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam. I was born and raised there. Hanoi is the country's second largest city in Vietnam, and over 7 million people live there, which makes it a very crowded city. There are many stores as well as the headquarters of major companies, so it's very convenient to live there.

Question 4

Where did you grow up?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I was born in Tien Giang – a small province in South Vietnam, but my family moved to Ho Chi Minh City when I was 4 years old. I don't remember much about Tien Giang because I was very young. I loved growing up in Ho Chi Minh City because it is a very big city, and I enjoyed making lots of friends.

Advanced Answer

I was born in Central Vietnam, but my family moved to Ho Chi Minh City when I was in 6th grade. I spent my childhood in many different cities and provinces, such as Da Nang, Binh Thuan, and Dong Nai. My favorite place to grow up in was Binh Thuan because there were lots of activities in nature that I was able to enjoy. I remember that I was really sad to leave such a wonderful place and had to say good-bye to all my friends.

Question 5

What was your childhood like?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I remember having a great childhood. I grew up in a very loving and caring family. I spent most of my days playing with my friends on a playground. I had only a few friends, but I was very close to them. We enjoyed building sand castles or playing hide-and-seek.

Advanced Answer

Actually, I had a rough childhood compared to others. My parents used to own a small business, but it didn't go well, so they had to file for bankruptcy. Every time we moved, I had to transfer to a different school, and it was really hard to make friends and feel attached to my school. I was left out on special occasions such as my classmates' birthday parties because I was a transfer student. However, when we finally stopped moving, I got to make some great friends with whom I still keep a close relationship.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe your personality.

You should say:

what kind of person you think you are
what your family and friends think about your personality
whether or not you think your personality is special

and how your personality affects your life.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I think I am a very happy person. I have many friends and I always stay busy. My parents and my friends tell me that I keep myself too busy, but I don't think so. I'm also a sociable person. I like meeting new people and I also like helping others. It makes me feel very good. My personality helps me become a positive person, and that makes me very special. I think it is very important to have a healthy mind.

Advanced Answer

I don't think I am, but my family and my friends tell me that I'm an outgoing person. I'm shy around strangers, but once I get to know them, I become very close. I hate doing nothing, so I always keep myself busy and try to find something to do, such as doing housework or reading books. I also take joy in helping others because it makes me feel very good about myself. Though, too much helping sometimes backfires on me because people might think of me as a nosy person.

Topic Card 2

Describe a children's story that you know well.

You should say:

when you first heard or read it
what the story is about
what you particularly liked about it

and why you think it became popular.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

My favorite children's story was Cinderella. I don't remember the first time I heard it, but I remember that my mother used to read the book to me when I was going to bed. I liked it when Cinderella finally became a princess. I think it became popular because of its happy ending. Every girl dreams of being happy when they are young.

Advanced Answer

My mother used to read me many books when I was going to bed. Among them, I remember the Cinderella story the best because I like the part when Cinderella went to the prince's party with the help of a magical fairy godmother. It was amazing to hear as a child how the fairy godmother changed a pumpkin into a chariot and four mice into coachmen. I think it is such a great story because it helps children to develop their imagination.

Part 3

Question 1

How do you like your personality?

Suggested input

Positive personality

attentive, charming, considerate, courageous, friendly, generous, optimistic, organized, responsible, sincere, sociable, understanding

Negative personality

aggressive, arrogant, bossy, cowardly, dishonest, irresponsible, pessimistic, fussy

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Well, I don't think that my personality is perfect. However, I am happy that I'm an optimistic and a diligent person. I feel that all the troubles that I face every day become very easy to solve when I have a positive attitude toward them. If I had to change one thing, it would be being too direct with others. I try to be careful because some people get offended. It's really hard to change my personality.

Question 2

How have your parents influenced you in terms of personality?

Suggested input

personality mainly determined by how parents treat their children, have a great impact on, form one's personality, wise advice, have a single child-rearing style, parents' mood, their stresses and problems, feel loved / secure and valued / frightened

Personal Answer

Model Answer

My parents had a big impact on forming my personality. They have always taught me to become a good person who helps less fortunate people around me. They have also told me to have a good attitude toward my daily life. Their wise advice has greatly helped me to become a good person.

Question 3

Do you contact people whose personality is totally different from yours?

Suggested input

different personality, respect the difference, have something in common, have personalities opposite from mine, make friends easily, spend time together

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Of course. Each individual has a different personality, and I was taught by my parents that I should learn to respect the differences of others. I have many friends and most of them have personalities opposite from mine. For example, one of my best friends is a very quiet person who likes cooking and cleaning while I am an outgoing person with lots of energy. We may not seem like we have anything in common, but that's actually not true. The more we spend time together, the more I realise that we complement each other. I learn a lot from her, and she says she does from me as well.

Question 4

What are the main factors that contribute to shaping one's personality?

Suggested input

shape / form one's personality, happy / unhappy childhood, home environment, teachers and friends, mental and emotional condition of mother during pregnancy, general physical and mental health, timely corrective measures taken by parents and teachers

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I think that one of the main factors that shapes one's personality is one's childhood. I once read a book about the relationship between one's childhood and personality. It said in the book that usually a person is born with a certain character, but it develops as the person grows. For instance, if a person had a happy childhood, then he or she is most likely to become a happy person. On the other hand, if a person had an unhappy childhood, he or she is most likely to become a dull person. In the case of a person who experienced trauma in his or her childhood, he or she is most likely to have problems with his or her personality. That's why I believe that one's childhood is the most important factor in shaping one's personality.

Question 5

When you hire someone for a job, will you care to look at his personality?

Suggested input

specific insight into an individual's personality, employees' strengths / potential / motivation, understanding the job requirements, fit / suitable for the job / the team / the organization, cooperate with colleagues

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Definitely! The personality of someone is very important, even in a working environment, because it will determine if that person is suitable for the job, and if he or she will be able to cooperate with colleagues.

More Questions

1. What do you think you are talented in?

   Personal Answer

2. How much are you influenced by your friends in terms of personality?

   Personal Answer

3. Are you willing to change your personality if many people find some aspects of it to be disagreeable?

   Personal Answer

4. Do you believe that people considered eccentric are talented in certain fields?

   Personal Answer

5. Do you plan to have a different family life from that of your parents? What are some changes you would like to make?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

nickname

be similar to

ex. Your opinion is similar to mine.

be composed of

consider A to be B

capital

be raised

headquarters

convenient

grow up

caring

playground

castle

hide-and-seek

rough

transfer *n.*

ex. a transfer (student)

sociable

outgoing

housework

backfire

think of A as B

nosy

dream of

fairy

godmother

pumpkin

chariot

coachman

optimistic

diligent

attitude

direct

offend

influence

impact

form

fortunate

have something in common

complement

shape

dull

trauma

most likely to

hire

care

determine

suitable

cooperate

colleague

talented

aspect

disagreeable

eccentric

Chapter 2

Family

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 2

• Part 1 Questions

1. Do you live with your family or with friends?
2. What do your family members do for a living?
3. What do you and your family like to do together?
4. Who do you talk to most in your family?
5. What do you do as a family on special occasions like weddings or feasts?

• Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe a typical modern family.

   You should say:

   how big it is
   who is usually in charge of family affairs

   and how housework is shared.

2. Describe one of your parents.

   You should say:

   what he/she looks like
   what work he/she does or used to do
   what you remember best about him/her

   and how you enjoy him/her.

• Part 3 Questions

1. What are the disadvantages of living in an extended family?
2. What do you think is the best way to keep in touch with friends and family when you're away from home? Why?
3. Is family an old-fashioned idea?
4. Has women's role in family changed greatly?
5. What responsibilities do children have toward their parents?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. She lives ________ her family ________ my house.
2. She ________ herself busy at home, taking ________ of the house ________.
3. She ________ them music ________ a week ________ the civic center.
4. I ________ see my father at home on ________ because we have ________ working schedules.
5. I try to ________ as much time as ________ with her when I get home after ________.
6. We help ________ other in the preparation of the ________ ceremony and the reception.
7. We go ________ to a family ________ to enjoy some ________ food.
8. Families in the ________ used to have three ________ living together.
9. Both parents ________ in all the family affairs and ________ to the family financially.
10. She used to be very ________ when she was ________.
11. I ________ her being the best stay-at-home mother ________ she did ________ for me.
12. One of the ________ of living in an ________ family is not having enough ________ for yourself.
13. You will also have to ________ many things with your ________ members.
14. The ________ way to keep in ________ with friends is using the ________.
15. ________ are many different ________ to stay in touch ________ your loved ones.
16. I ________ my mother ________ to use an instant ________.
17. A ________ being learns the necessary skills to ________ in a bigger ________.
18. Many ________ were not likely to have a ________.
19. The ________ is usually shared ________ with their ________.
20. Children should take ________ of their parents until they ________ away.

Answers

1. with, near
2. keeps, care, chores
3. teaches, twice, at
4. hardly, weekdays, different
5. spend, possible, work
6. each, wedding
7. out, restaurant, special
8. past, generations
9. participate, contribute
10. beautiful, young
11. remember, because, everything
12. disadvantages, extended, time
13. share, family
14. best, touch, Internet
15. There, ways, with
16. taught, how, messenger
17. human, survive, society
18. women, job
19. housework, equally, husbands
20. care, pass

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▸ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I live with my family near my brother's house.**

Statement

(1) **you** You live with your family near your brother's house.
(2) **he** He lives with his family near his brother's house.
(3) **we** We ________________________________.
(4) **she** She ________________________________.
(5) **they** They ________________________________.

Question

(1) **you** Do you live with your family near your brother's house?
(2) **he** Does he live with his family near his brother's house?
(3) **we** ________________________________?
(4) **she** ________________________________?
(5) **they** ________________________________?

No Answer

(1) I   No, I don't live with my family near my brother's house.

(2) he   No, ______________________________.

(3) we   No, ______________________________.

(4) she   No, ______________________________.

(5) they   No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) I   Yes, I live with my family near my brother's house.

(2) he   Yes, ______________________________.

(3) we   Yes, ______________________________.

(4) she   Yes, ______________________________.

(5) they   Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **The best way to keep in touch with friends is using the Internet.**

Statement

The best way to keep in touch with friends is using the Internet.

Question

Is the best way to keep in touch with friends using the Internet?

No Answer

No, the best way to keep in touch with friends is not using the Internet.

Yes Answer

Yes, the best way to keep in touch with friends is using the Internet.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. <u>I</u> live with <u>my</u> family near <u>my</u> house.
2. <u>I</u> keep <u>myself</u> busy at home, taking care of the house chores.
3. <u>I</u> teach them music twice a week at the city center.
4. <u>I</u> hardly see <u>my</u> father at home on weekdays.
5. <u>I</u> try to spend as much time as possible with <u>my</u> family when <u>I</u> get home after work.
6. <u>I</u> help <u>my</u> mother in the preparation of the party.
7. <u>I</u> go out to a family restaurant to enjoy some special food.
8. <u>I</u> used to live in a big house with <u>my</u> grandparents.
9. <u>I</u> try to participate in all the family affairs.
10. <u>My</u> mother used to be very beautiful when she was young.
11. <u>I</u> remember going to the school by train.

12. One of the disadvantages of living in a big family is having no privacy.
13. I will have to share many things with my family members.
14. The best way to keep in touch with friends is using the Internet.
15. There are many ways to stay in touch with your old school friends.
16. I taught myself how to use an instant messenger.
17. I learn the necessary skills to survive in a bigger society.
18. He is likely to have a job.
19. My housework is usually shared with my husband.
20. I should take care of my parents until they pass away.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

Do you live with your family or with friends?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I live with my father and my mother. My sister got married last year, and she lives with her family near my house.

Advanced Answer

I live with my father and my mother. My sister used to live with us before she got married to my brother-in-law last year. Though, she lives nearby and always visits, so it feels like she has never moved out.

Question 2

What do your family members do for a living?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

My father owns a small trading company. My mother takes care of housework. She also volunteers to help the elderly at the civic center.

Advanced Answer

My father owns a small trading company. He has been the owner for more than 20 years. As for my mother, she keeps herself busy at home, taking care of the house chores. She also volunteers to help the elderly. She teaches them music twice a week at the civic center.

Question 3

What do you and your family like to do together?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

We enjoy going out to dinner often because my mother gets very tired with housework and her volunteer work. We enjoy talking to each other at the dinner table.

Advanced Answer

We do many activities together as a family, but the one that we enjoy the most is eating out. My parents like enjoying dinner away from home, and so do I. We usually eat out three times a week. Others say that we eat out too often, but I think it is a good way to stay close as a family. We talk about our daily routine, work and relationship with others. My parents are very easy to talk to, and I love them very much.

Question 4

Who do you talk to most in your family?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I talk to my mother the most. She is very easy to talk to and is very wise. She always gives me good advice. I tell her everything, and I think she appreciates that.

Advanced Answer

I talk to my family a lot, but I talk to my mother the most. I hardly see my father at home on weekdays because we have different working schedules. I talk to him only on weekends. As for my mother, I try to spend as much time as possible with her when I get home after work, and also on weekends. We talk about everything. We even talk about boys.

Question 5

What do you do as a family on special occasions like weddings or feasts?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

We gather together on special occasions and share the joy. We wear our traditional Vietnamese dress to weddings. If there is a family feast, we usually gather at our parents' house or the house of the eldest member of the family and share food together.

Advanced Answer

In case of a family wedding, we usually notify each other about the occasion. We help each other with the preparation of the wedding ceremony and the reception. Relatives and friends decorate the bride's or the groom's house. They also join the couple to be members in the formal ceremony. The bride and groom's best friends may be the bridesmaid or best man. As for family feasts, we usually gather at the house of the eldest sibling and enjoy the feast together, or we go out to a restaurant to enjoy some special food.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe a typical modern family.

You should say:

how big it is
who is usually in charge of family affairs

and how housework is shared.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Families in the past used to have three generations living together. However, these days, families are becoming smaller and the nuclear family is becoming popular. It consists of parents and children, usually 3 to 4 people per family. Unlike in the past, both parents participate in all the family affairs. They both contribute to the family financially and emotionally. They also share housework and have equal say in family decisions.

Advanced Answer

Families in the past used to be extended families. There were three generations who lived in the same household. The family members consisted of grandparents, parents and many children. However, these days, families are becoming smaller and the nuclear family, which consists of parents and children and is usually 3 to 4 people, is becoming popular. Unlike in the past, both parents participate in all the family affairs and contribute to the family financially and emotionally. They also share housework and have equal say in family decisions.

Topic Card 2

Describe one of your parents.

You should say:

what he/she looks like
what work he/she does or used to do
what you remember best about him/her

and how you enjoy him/her.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I will describe my mother. She is short and a bit chubby. She has brown hair and brown eyes. She used to be very beautiful, but she has a lot of wrinkles now. She was working at a small company when she was young, but she has been a housewife ever since she got married. When I was young, she was strict with me, but now she's my best friend. She is a very wise woman, and I enjoy her advice very much.

Advanced Answer

Let me tell you about my mother. She is an average-looking middle-aged woman with brown hair and brown eyes. My aunts tell me that she used to be very beautiful when she was young. I remember her being the best stay-at-home mother because she did everything for me. She made delicious snacks for my family and helped me with my schoolwork. When I was young, I sometimes thought she was my stepmother because she was very strict with me, but nowadays, I get along with her very well. She is a very wise woman, and gives me good advice. I appreciate her for always being there for me.

Part 3

Question 1

What are the disadvantages of living in an extended family?

Suggested input

no privacy at most times, participate in family activities, share things, irritating, overcrowding, a lot of conflicts, the older generation doesn't agree with the younger generation, too much noise, favoritism in the sense that a child that is specially loved by a parent is more favored than the others, which may lead to jealousy, the person who earns the most pay has to do the most paying on bills, basic needs, groceries, etc.

Personal Answer

Model Answer

One of the disadvantages of living in an extended family is not having enough time for yourself. You will have to participate in the family activities and won't have much spare time. You will also have to share many things with your family members, and that can sometimes be irritating.

Question 2

What do you think is the best way to keep in touch with friends and family when you're away from home? Why?

Suggested input

phone calls, using the Internet, e-mails and instant messenger services, such as photo websites or blogs, webcams, social media networks like Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.

Personal Answer

Model Answer

From my experience, the best way to keep in touch with friends and family when I'm away from home is using the Internet. There are many different ways to stay in touch with your loved ones by using the Internet such as e-mails, online messengers, or personal web sites. I personally prefer online messengers where I can make a voice call without any extra cost. My father and I have saved lots of money by using this method. I recently taught my mother how to use an online messenger, and now she is a big fan of it.

Question 3

Is family an old-fashioned idea?

Suggested input

family regarded as a major social institution and a focus of much of a person's social activity, a place to return to, the place where one can find joy and happiness, feel safe and warm, a parent is a child's first teacher

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Absolutely not. The very first social unit of mankind was the family. Thus, without family, bigger societies such as schools, companies, provinces, states, or even countries would not exist. In a family, a human being learns the necessary skills to survive in a bigger society. Family is not only the foundation but also the essence of a society.

Question 4

Has women's role in family changed greatly?

Suggested input

women's role, women's duty, housework, traditional concept of "women as homemakers", traditional roles: men retain as family decision makers, women do housework and take care of the children, status of women has changed, men no longer the sole breadwinners, both husbands and wives jointly share family financial burden

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Yes, women's role in family has changed tremendously, especially in recent years. In the past, women's duty was to reproduce, to take care of their children, and to take care of all the housework. Women were not likely to have a job or even a career. However, nowadays, many women prefer having a job or a career and by doing so, they bring money into their households. Since the role of women has changed so, the housework is usually shared equally with their husbands.

Question 5

What responsibilities do children have toward their parents?

Suggested input

obey parents, respect or honor them, love them, considerate of them, follow their instructions, take care of them, provide them in sickness and old age, do not take advantage and do not speak evil of them

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I think that children should take care of their parents until they pass away. When the parents are young, they work very hard to provide the best for their children, so they should be taken care of by their children when they get old.

More Questions

1. In a family, do you feel that sons are closer to their fathers and daughters to their mothers in general?

   Personal Answer

2. In your opinion, is it important for a married couple to have children?

   Personal Answer

3. Is it acceptable for couples to live together before they get married?

   Personal Answer

4. Do you think families with a single parent pose a threat to society?

   Personal Answer

5. How will tomorrow's family be different from the one today?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

brother-in-law

nearby

feel like

ex. It feels like it's going to rain.
I feel like a cup of coffee.

move out

trading

as for

take care of

chore

volunteer

the elderly

civic

eat out

routine

appreciate

weekdays

occasion

feast

gather together

in case of

notify

bride

groom

sibling

affair

family affair

generation

nuclear family

participate in

contribute to

equal say

extended family

household

chubby

wrinkle

company

delicious

stepmother

get along with

disadvantage

irritating

keep in touch with

be away from

extra

save

absolutely

mankind

province

foundation

essence

duty

tremendously

be likely to

toward

pass away

provide

acceptable

single parent

Chapter 3

Home Town / Neighborhood / Accommodation

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 3

• Part 1 Questions

1. Where do you live?
2. Do you like your neighbors?
3. What kind of landscape surrounds your home town?
4. Do you rent your accommodation?
5. What kind of place do you live in, a house or a flat?

• Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe the neighborhood that you live in at the moment.

   You should say:

   where it is
   what the people are like
   what some of the major landmarks are

   and why you like or dislike your home town.

2. Describe an interesting building in your home town.

   You should say:

   what the name of the building is
   what the purpose of the building is
   where it is located
   what it looks like

   and why you find the building interesting.

• Part 3 Questions

1. What kind of neighbors do you wish to have?
2. Have you lived in other types of accommodation before?
3. When you buy a house, what is the most important thing to consider?
4. In the future, what kind of accommodation would you like to live in?
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of living with friends?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. I grew up ________ the same faces every day, ________ they are like a ________ to me.
2. Most of my ________ go to work early in the ________ and come home in the evening.
3. I see people ________ in and out once in a while, but I ________ ever run into them.
4. We don't have to ________ about paying ________.
5. It's very difficult to ________ a house in Korea ________ to the high cost of ________.
6. I am ________ to buy my own place in the near ________.
7. I don't have to ________ care of a garden or plow ________.
8. It is ________ in the ________ part of Seoul.
9. You run into many ________ who always seem to be in a ________.
10. ________ seem very ________ and stressed out.
11. I enjoy living in my ________ because it is a good place to ________ city life.
12. It is a ________ spot for ________ to take their ________ pictures.
13. Many people don't seem to be ________ about their ________ comfort.
14. It was the ________ time I had such a large ________ with different ________ of trees and flowers.
15. The ________ important thing to ________ when buying a house is ________.
16. There are a lot of builders ________ provide the ________ technology to home owners.
17. I would like to ________ in a large house ________ a beautiful garden in the suburbs rather ________ live in an apartment building.
18. I ________ like to spend a lot of time on ________ and decorating the ________.
19. One of the ________ of living with friends is being able to have ________ and be there for each ________.
20. Another ________ of living together is that it might ________ good relationships ________ friends.

Answers

1. seeing, so, family
2. neighbors, morning
3. moving, hardly
4. worry, rent
5. buy, due, housing
6. hoping, future
7. take, snow
8. located, southwestern
9. people, hurry
10. People, unfriendly
11. neighborhood, experience
12. favorite, couples, wedding
13. concerned, neighbors'
14. first, garden, kinds
15. most, consider, technology
16. who, newest
17. live, with, than
18. would, gardening, house
19. advantages, fun, other
20. disadvantage, harm, between

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I grew up seeing the same faces every day.**

Statement

(1) **you** You grew up seeing the same faces every day.
(2) **he** He grew up seeing the same faces every day.
(3) **we** We ____________________.
(4) **she** She ____________________.
(5) **they** They ____________________.

Question

(1) **you** Did you grow up seeing the same faces every day?
(2) **he** Did he grow up seeing the same faces every day?
(3) **we** ____________________?
(4) **she** ____________________?
(5) **they** ____________________?

No Answer

(1) I No, I didn't grow up seeing the same faces every day.

(2) he No, ______________________________.

(3) we No, ______________________________.

(4) she No, ______________________________.

(5) they No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, I grew up seeing the same faces every day.

(2) he Yes, ______________________________.

(3) we Yes, ______________________________.

(4) she Yes, ______________________________.

(5) they Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **It is located in the southwestern part of Vietnam.**

Statement

It is located in the southwestern part of Vietnam.

Question

Is it located in the southwestern part of Vietnam?

No Answer

No, it isn't located in the southwestern part of Vietnam.

Yes Answer

Yes, it is located in the southwestern part of Vietnam.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

▸ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. I grew up seeing the same faces every day.
2. Most of my neighbors go to work early in the morning and come home in the evening.
3. I see people moving in and out once in a while.
4. I don't have to worry about paying rent.
5. It's very difficult to buy a house in Hanoi due to the high cost of housing.
6. I am hoping to buy my own place in the near future.
7. I don't have to take care of a garden.
8. It is located in the southwestern part of Vietnam.
9. He seems to be in a hurry.
10. He seems very unfriendly and stressed out.
11. It is a good place to experience city life.

12. It is a favorite spot for couples to take their wedding pictures.
13. He is not concerned about his neighbors' comfort.
14. It was the first time I had such a large garden.
15. The most important thing to consider is technology when buying a house.
16. A lot of builders provide the newest technology to home owner.
17. I would like to live in a large house with a beautiful garden.
18. I would like to spend a lot of time on gardening.
19. One of the advantages of living with friends is being able to have fun.
20. It might harm good relationships between friends.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

Where do you live?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I live near Ho Chi Minh City. It is in the South of Vietnam. There are many offices, buildings, restaurants and cafés. I also work in Ho Chi Minh City, so it's very convenient for me.

Advanced Answer

I live near Ho Chi Minh City, which is in the south of Vietnam. Headquarters of many major companies are located there. The rent is quite expensive, but I like living there because it's very close to my work and there are many good restaurants available, including imported franchise restaurants and cafés.

Question 2

Do you like your neighbors?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I live in an old neighborhood. My family has lived there for many years. I grew up seeing the same faces every day, so they are like my family to me. I like them very much because they are very helpful.

Advanced Answer

I live in a studio apartment building, and frankly speaking, I haven't seen my neighbors yet. I think most of my neighbors go to work early in the morning and come home in the evening. I see people moving in and out once in a while, but hardly ever run into them.

Question 3

What kind of landscape surrounds your home town?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Ho Chi Minh City is the biggest city in Vietnam. There are many high-rise buildings and administrative offices. There are many forms of entertainment there. A lot of people live and work there.

Advanced Answer

My home town is in the suburbs. There is much beautiful scenery to enjoy such as the mountains and the ocean. Many foreigners visit my home town every year. Unlike Ho Chi Minh City, there aren't too many high-rise buildings, and that's what I like about my home town.

Question 4

Do you rent your accommodation?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

No. I live with my parents. They own a house in a suburban area. It's not a luxurious place, but it is ours, so we don't have to worry about paying rent.

Advanced Answer

Yes, I do. I wish I had my own place, but it's very difficult to buy a house in Hanoi due to the high cost of housing. Renting in Hanoi is not so difficult because tenants just deposit a small sum of money to the landlord and pay a monthly rent. I am hoping to buy my own place in the near future, though.

Question 5

What kind of place do you live in, a house or a flat?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I live in an apartment complex. There are about 10 buildings, and each of them has got 20 stories. I like living in an apartment because I don't have to take care of a garden or worry about security.

Advanced Answer

I live in a flat in Ho Chi Minh City. Ho Chi Minh City is a big city with a population of about 8 million, which results in serious housing problems. Most houses have vanished and apartment buildings and high-rises have changed the landscape of Ho Chi Minh City. I enjoy living in an apartment because I do not have to worry much about security.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe the neighborhood that you live in at the moment.

You should say:

where it is
what the people are like
what some of the major landmarks are

and why you like or dislike your home town.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I live in Vung Tau, my home town. It is a coastal city in the south of Vietnam, about 125km from Ho Chi Minh City. People living in Vung Tau are friendly. Most of them earn their living by fishing offshore. Its beauty and fresh air makes it a very popular destination for weekends. Nowadays, this resort town is split into two areas. On the Front Beach are most of the more expatriate-oriented hotels, restaurants and bars while the Back Beach welcomes a lot of tourists especially at weekends. I like living here because it is the place where I was born and grew up.

Advanced Answer

I'm going to talk about Vung Tau, a coastal city which is located in South Vietnam. To be more exact, it is situated at the tip of a small peninsula. It has traditionally been a significant port, particularly during Vietnam's period of French rule. Today, the city's importance as a shipping port has diminished, but it still plays a significant role in Vietnam's offshore oil industry. People living in Vung Tau are very hospitable. Most of them earn their living by fishing offshore. In my opinion, it is its extensive beaches that make Vung Tau a paradise not only for local people but also for tourists. Also, there are a lot of luxurious hotels along these nice beaches. Especially, in recent years, the Kite Festival is held annually here, and this has attracted more and more national and international tourists. I love Vung Tau because this is the place where I was born and grew up. Also, my parents are still living here, and we all have led a happy life and proud of our home town, which is now a well-known tourist attraction.

Topic Card 2

Describe an interesting building in your home town.

You should say:

what the name of the building is
what the purpose of the building is
where it is located
what it looks like

and why you find the building interesting.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

There is an interesting building called Reunification Palace in Ho Chi Minh City. It was formerly known as Independence Palace, which is located on Nam Ky Khoi Nghia Street, District 1 of Ho Chi Minh City. It was designed by architect Ngo Viet Thu and was the home and workplace of the President of South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Its architecture is a blend of traditional ritual and modern architecture, typical of 1960s. The building now functions as a museum where visitors can visit daily. I find this building interesting because it is considered as the witness of the end of Vietnam War in 1975.

Advanced Answer

The Reunification Palace is one of the most popular destinations in Ho Chi Minh City. It was designed as the former presidential palace of South Vietnam Presidents until April 1975, and is now preserved as a museum. It is located on Nam Ky Khoi Nghia Street, District 1 of Ho Chi Minh City. It looks something like an old elementary school. The ground floor has various meeting rooms, while upstairs are a grand set of reception rooms, used for meeting foreign and national politicians. In the back of the structure are the president's living quarters. Perhaps most interesting of all is the basement with its telecommunications centre, a war room and a network of tunnels.

This outstanding architecture reminds the Vietnamese people of its symbolic role in the fall of the former regime in April 1975 when its gates were breached by the Vietnamese tanks and the victor's flag hung on the balcony. The tank is still there in the front lawn of this historic palace. I find this building interesting because it has a great historical importance.

Part 3

Question 1

What kind of neighbors do you wish to have?

Suggested input

respectful/helpful/friendly neighbours, concerned about others' comfort, respect others, not disturb others with loud noise, not too curious

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I would like to have respectful neighbors. Many people nowadays don't seem to be concerned about their neighbors' comfort. Having loud music on or using some home appliances, such as dishwashers or vacuum cleaners, in the late evening can bother the neighbors. People should respect each other and try not to disturb their neighbors with loud noise.

Question 2

Have you lived in other types of accommodation before?

Suggested input

thatched house, brick house, house with a garden / a swimming pool / a garage, house with tall columns supporting the front porch, house with a living room window facing the front yard to supervise children at play

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Yes, I have lived in a house with a large garden, which was attached to a small pine grove, near the Mediterranean. My parents purchased it a few years ago. I have lived in a house before, but it was the first time I had such a large garden with different kinds of trees and flowers. My parents and I enjoyed planting the trees and flowers and we even named them. Gardening was hard work and it required perseverance and effort, but it was an experience that I could never buy with money.

Question 3

When you buy a house, what is the most important thing to consider?

Suggested input

location, size, style, price, technology of building, comfortable place, convenience, surrounding area, neighbourhood

Personal Answer

Model Answer

In my opinion, the most important thing to consider when buying a house is technology. You spend many hours in the house and expect your house to be a comfortable place. If things are not designed to have easy accessibility, it will cause much inconvenience to the people living there. The technology of building houses has developed tremendously, and there are a lot of builders who provide the newest technology to home owners these days. For example, nowadays, the bathroom sink can sense the height of each user and adjust its own height to fit the person each time, or the kitchen sink can adjust its height according to the height of the users as well. Technology makes the lives of people comfortable.

Question 4

In the future, what kind of accommodation would you like to live in?

Suggested input

a big house with a garden, an apartment in a high-rise building, a house in the city centre/suburbs, near schools/close to city facilities

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I would like to live in a large house with a beautiful garden in the suburbs rather than live in an apartment building because the older I become, the more I appreciate nature. I would like to spend a lot of time gardening and decorating the house. Another reason I want a garden is because I would like to own a few large dogs. I have always wanted to raise Alaskan Malamutes or Golden Retrievers ever since I was very young.

Question 5

What are the advantages and disadvantages of living with friends?

Suggested input

Advantages

share bills and the rent, share responsibility for unpleasant tasks and chores such as vacuuming or doing the dishes, enrich social life, care about one another, enjoy each other's company, share similar tastes, widen circle of friends

Disadvantages

not get along, non-stop parties, his/her friends stay overnight, tension may occur when they go pub-bing and clubbing a lot, care for their needs and feelings, put up with their bad habits, feel left out

Personal Answer

Model Answer

First of all, one advantage of living with friends is being able to have fun and be there for each other. I lived with a few of my friends when I was in university. My friends and I always used to study together or arrange parties on special occasions and invite many people. Studying together was very helpful, and having parties was a blast, but parties caused some side effects such as having to deal with uninvited guests, having our belongings go missing, or having the house be sabotaged. Another disadvantage of living together is that it might harm a good relationship between friends because when living together, you see your friends' flaws and might be disappointed with each other.

More Questions

1. Are you satisfied with your current accommodation?

Personal Answer

2. What do you think of shared accommodation such as having roommates or living in a dormitory?

Personal Answer

3. How have relationships between neighbours changed in the past decade?

Personal Answer

4. What do you think a community should do in order to improve relationships between neighbours?

Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

convenient
be located
close to
grow up
studio apartment
frankly speaking (= speaking frankly)
once in a while
run into
high-rise
administrative office
form of entertainment
the suburbs *pl.*
ocean
rent
accommodation
deposit
landlord
flat
story
security
coastal
destination
expatriate
peninsula
significant
diminish
hospitable
paradise
luxurious
design
ritual
architecture
witness
presidential

preserve
labyrinth
tunnel
telecommunication
symbolic
breach
be concerned about
comfort
home appliance
bother
be attached to
pine grove
Mediterranean
cf. the Mediterranean (= Mediterranean Sea)
perseverance
effort
comfortable
accessibility
inconvenience
sink *n.*
appreciate
spend time V-ing
Alaskan Malamute
Golden Retriever
first of all
arrange
blast
side effect
belongings *pl.*
sabotage
flaw
be disappointed with
shared accommodation

Chapter 4

Travel / Vacation / Tourism

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 4

• Part 1 Questions

1. Do you enjoy traveling?
2. How do you usually spend your holidays?
3. How often do you go on holiday?
4. How do you prefer to travel, by road, rail or air?
5. Have you ever visited any other countries?

• Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe a holiday that you have taken recently or at some time in the past.

   You should say:

   where you went on your holiday
   why you went to this particular place
   what you did there and who you enjoyed it with

   and whether or not you enjoyed your holiday.

2. Describe your idea of a perfect holiday.

   You should say:

   where it would be
   how long you would stay
   what activities you would do

   and why this would be a perfect holiday for you.

• Part 3 Questions

1. What dangers can you perceive when you travel?
2. Do you think travel broadens the mind?
3. What are the benefits and negative effects of tourism?
4. Do you prefer to travel alone or with friends? What are some advantages of it?
5. What do you need to do before you go abroad on holiday?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. It is a ________ way to ________ stress.
2. My company ________ me to take four days ________.
3. I take a ________ trip to different parts of ________.
4. I ________ I could go on ________ more often.
5. I was ________ to have many ________ to go on holiday.
6. I ________ to travel with my ________ car because I get motion sickness in an ________.
7. I prefer to have ________ while I'm on the ________.
8. Three ________ wasn't long enough for us to ________ everything we ________ to.
9. I was ________ to find out that people also ________ it "Sin City".
10. You cannot ________ that in my country because everyone is in a ________.
11. ________ without any ________ is not fun for me.
12. My idea of a perfect ________ is having a ________ on a ________ beach.
13. There are many ________ that a ________ can perceive.
14. ________ travelers should take ________ against such ________.
15. You get to ________ a lot of new things and ________ useful ________.
16. Some ________ with little knowledge even ________ valuable national ________.
17. I have tried many ________ ways of ________ with family members.
18. You don't know what kind of problems you ________ face in an ________ place.
19. There are ________ things that you can ________ together and ________ the moment with ________ other.
20. I ________ use the Internet to ________ information and try to get the best out of my ________.

Answers

1. good, relieve
2. allows, off
3. short, Korea
4. wish, holiday
5. lucky, opportunities
6. prefer, own, airplane
7. privacy, road
8. weeks, see, wanted
9. surprised, call
10. see, hurry
11. Traveling, sightseeing
12. holiday, vacation, tropical
13. dangers, traveler
14. Women, precautions, disaster
15. learn, obtain, information
16. tourists, damage, assets
17. different, traveling
18. might, unfamiliar
19. many, do, share, each
20. always, obtain, trip

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

Ex 1. **My company allows me to take four days off.**

Statement

(1) **you** Your company allows you to take four days off.
(2) **he** His company allows him to take four days off.
(3) **we** We ______________________.
(4) **she** She ______________________.
(5) **they** They ______________________.

Question

(1) **you** Does your company allow you to take four days off?
(2) **he** Does his company allow him to take four days off?
(3) **we** ______________________?
(4) **she** ______________________?
(5) **they** ______________________?

No Answer

(1) **I** No, my company doesn't allow me to take four days off.

(2) **he** No, ____________________.

(3) **we** No, ____________________.

(4) **she** No, ____________________.

(5) **they** No, ____________________.

Yes Answer

(1) **I** Yes, my company allows me to take four days off.

(2) **he** Yes, ____________________.

(3) **we** Yes, ____________________.

(4) **she** Yes, ____________________.

(5) **they** Yes, ____________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **It is a good way to relieve stress.**

Statement

It is a good way to relieve stress.

Question

Is it a good way to relieve stress?

No Answer

No, it isn't a good way to relieve stress.

Yes Answer

Yes, it is a good way to relieve stress.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. It is a good way to relieve stress.
2. My company allows me to take four days off.
3. I take a short trip to different parts of Vietnam.
4. I wish I could go on holiday more often.
5. I am lucky to have many opportunities to go on holiday.
6. I prefer to travel with my own car.
7. I prefer to have privacy while I'm on the road.
8. Three weeks wasn't long enough for us to see everything.
9. I was surprised to find out that people don't like the city.
10. Everyone seems to be in a hurry in my country.
11. Traveling without any sightseeing is not fun for me.

12. My idea of a perfect holiday is having a vacation on a tropical beach.
13. There are many dangers that a traveler can perceive.
14. You should take precautions against such disaster.
15. I get to learn a lot of new things and obtain useful information.
16. He is damaging valuable national assets.
17. I have tried many different ways of traveling.
18. I don't know what kind of problems I might face in an unfamiliar place.
19. You can share the moment with your parents.
20. I try to get the best out of my trip.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

Do you enjoy traveling?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Actually, I don't. Many people love traveling. But it doesn't interest me because I have had some terrible travel experiences. Besides, traveling is very tiring.

Advanced Answer

Yes, I love traveling. I am not rich, but I try to save money to go to different places. Last year, I went to Japan for five days with the money I had been saving for 1 year. There are many countries that I plan to go to. Traveling is fascinating because you get to see new things, meet new people, and try different food. I get very excited about traveling, and I can't wait to have another trip.

Question 2

How do you usually spend your holidays?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I spend my holidays taking naps and reading books in my hotel room, or eating out. It is a good way to relieve stress. I also like joining city tours because traveling is not complete without sightseeing.

Advanced Answer

In the mornings, I enjoy using the facilities that are provided by the hotel I stay in. Usually, there are state-of-the-art swimming pools, saunas, and fitness equipment there, so I try to get the best out of them. In the afternoons, I pick up a tour brochure at the front desk, and go sightseeing. In the evenings, I go out to local restaurants and enjoy some delicious dishes. When I come back to my hotel room, I usually read a book until I go to bed.

Question 3

How often do you go on holiday?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I usually go on holiday every summer. My company allows me to take four days off. I take a short trip to different parts of Vietnam. I have even been to Southeast Asia. I wish I could go on holiday more often, but it is hard to take time off work.

Advanced Answer

Unlike other Vietnamese people, I was lucky to have many opportunities to go on holidays because I'm a freelancer and am not too restricted by time. I go to nearby countries about twice a year, and I also take trips that are three to four days once every two months.

Question 4

How do you prefer to travel, by road, rail or air?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I prefer to travel with my own car because I get motion sickness in a car driven by another person or in an airplane. Taking the train is not too bad, but I prefer to have privacy while I'm on the road. I can turn up the music and sing along while I drive, and that's what I like about taking my own car.

Advanced Answer

Any type of traveling is fine with me. I think that each method has its own advantages and disadvantages. Traveling in a private car gives privacy, but there is a big chance of road accidents and traffic jams. I would also be fatigued with driving, especially if I am taking a trip to a very far place. Buses and trains are fun and you can enjoy the scenery, but I am exposed to the public and there are many precautions that I have to take. Planes are the best way to travel long distances because it is the fastest type of transportation. But I can also suffer from jet lag. I pick the kind of transportation I use depending on the situation.

Question 5

Have you ever visited any other countries?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes, I have. I went to Turkey with my parents three years ago. We visited a lot of tourist attractions with biblical backgrounds such as Ephesus and Cappadocia. We also spent some time on the Mediterranean beach and enjoyed different water sports. We stayed there for three weeks. I liked Turkey because I could experience both Middle Eastern and European culture in one place. I am planning on visiting Turkey again next year because there are still many places I would like to go.

Advanced Answer

I have visited many different foreign countries, but the most interesting country was Turkey, which is located in between Africa, Europe and the Middle East. I went there with my family and stayed there for three weeks. It is a beautiful country where the European and the Middle Eastern cultures coexist. Since my parents and I are Christians, we visited many places with biblical backgrounds, such as Ephesus and Cappadocia. We also spent a few days on a Mediterranean beach and enjoyed water sports. Turkish food is very different from Vietnamese food, but I didn't mind it too much. Turkey is a big country, and three weeks wasn't long enough for us to see everything we wanted to, so my parents and I are planning another trip there this summer.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe a holiday that you have taken recently or at some time in the past.

You should say:

where you went on your holiday
why you went to this particular place
what you did there and who you enjoyed it with

and whether or not you enjoyed your holiday.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I went to the States two years ago with my family. We visited the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, and did a lot of shopping in New York. Then, we flew to Las Vegas. I was surprised to find out that people also call it "Sin City". My parents enjoyed gambling, especially my dad. He was very happy to win some money. As for me, I enjoyed the roller coaster on the top of a high building. It was so thrilling. People in the States were very nice and friendly, and they even said hello to strangers. You cannot see that in my country because everyone is in a hurry. I had a wonderful time there, and I would like to go back there sometime.

Advanced Answer

Last spring, I went to Antalya, Turkey, which is located on the coastline of the Mediterranean, with my aunt. We stayed in a five-star hotel for a week and toured around the city. Antalya is well known for its beautiful beaches, and many tourists pay a visit every year. I forget the name of a waterfall that I saw, but our tour guide told us that it is the highest freshwater waterfall that drops directly to the sea. We found out that there was going to be a total solar eclipse, and that we were lucky to be there because Antalya was one of the best spots in the world to observe it. My aunt and I purchased special glasses for the eclipse and got a very good spot in a café which was located on a cliff. It was a bright sunny day without a speck of clouds. All of a sudden, it started getting darker, and at the peak of the eclipse, it was as dark as nighttime. I enjoyed experiencing this spectacular natural wonder and took many pictures to share with my family and friends. It was the most memorable event of my life.

Topic Card 2

Describe your idea of a perfect holiday.

You should say:

where it would be
how long you would stay
what activities you would do

and why this would be a perfect holiday for you.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

My perfect holiday would be going sightseeing. I love experiencing the culture of different countries. Traveling without any sightseeing is not fun for me. I would like to go to unexplored places for a week and learn about some new cultures, try new foods, and make friends with local people. I think it would be a very good experience for me.

Advanced Answer

My idea of a perfect holiday is having a vacation on a tropical beach, where I can enjoy beautiful sunshine and take a nap on a hammock. I have been to many countries and have done a lot of sightseeing, but have never had a restful vacation before. I would like to go to a place like Guam or Hawaii for two weeks, and enjoy some adventurous water sports such as waterskiing, parasailing, snorkeling in the ocean with fish, or boogie boarding. This was definitely a perfect holiday for me because I enjoyed myself a lot.

Part 3

Question 1

What dangers can you perceive when you travel?

Suggested input

kidnapping, fraud, robbery, disasters, theft and street crimes, begging, traffic accidents, insect and mosquito bites, diseases (malaria, typhoid, hepatitis, etc.)

Personal Answer

Model Answer

There are many dangers that a traveler can perceive. One of the greatest dangers is kidnapping and robbery. In undeveloped countries, tourists are an easy target for thieves and robbers because it is a well-known fact that tourists carry large amount of cash with them. In 2006, a Korean man who was traveling in Istanbul, Turkey, vanished without a trace. Nearly a month after his disappearance, his body was found floating on the Bosporus. He was only 27 years old when he died. Travelers, especially women travelers, should take precautions against such disaster.

Question 2

Do you think travel broadens the mind?

Suggested input

useful information, diversity, tremendous opportunities for fun, adventure and discovery, enrich our lives: opportunities to experience new and different things, learn other ideas and other values, see different social norms and different lifestyles, see different parts of the world and different sides of nature, refreshing and revitalizing

Personal Answer

Model Answer

From my experience, I can certainly say that it does. When you travel, you get to learn a lot of new things and obtain useful information. It changes your view on many things and it makes you become more tolerant because you know more, so you can understand and accept more diversity.

Question 3

What are the benefits and negative effects of tourism?

Suggested input

Positive effects

Tourism creates jobs, infrastructure and new leisure amenities improve, the preservation of traditional customs/handicrafts/festivals is encouraged, nature tourism and ecotourism help promote conservation of wildlife and natural resources

Negative effects

The cost of establishing a basic infrastructure falls on the government, jobs created by tourism are often seasonal and poorly paid, visitor behavior can have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of the host community (e.g. crowding and congestion, drugs and alcohol problems, prostitution, increased crime levels), ecological damage (tourism brings threat to a region's natural and cultural resources, e.g. overuse of water supply, beaches, coral reefs, heritage sites), pollution increases through traffic emissions/littering, sewage production and noise also increase

Personal Answer

Model Answer

One of the benefits of tourism is economic growth. Tourism brings in foreign currency. Hotel and bar owners obviously benefit, and so do a lot of other people like restaurants or souvenir shop owners. They all make a good living out of tourism. However, there are some negative effects such as ecological damage. Too many visitors cause too much noise and too much rubbish. Some careless tourists might even damage valuable national assets.

Question 4

Do you prefer to travel alone or with friends? What are some advantages of it?

Suggested input

Travelling with friends

prefer travelling with friends, adventurous, opportunities to share the moment/happiness/ travel costs like accommodation and food, fatigue is relieved by friends' laughter and comfort, packages, food and transportation are a lot cheaper, friends are good company, help each other out in tough situations

Travelling alone

Solo travel is a wonderful one, have complete freedom (e.g. choose exactly what to do and where to go), have more flexibility, it doesn't take much effort to make new friends, have plenty of time for quiet thinking and self-reflection, far easier to meet new people and make friends with the locals

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I prefer traveling with friends because it's more fun that way. I have tried many different ways of traveling alone, with family members, and with friends. Traveling alone can be a bit scary sometimes because I don't know what kind of problems I might face in an unfamiliar place. Traveling with parents is a bit boring because they are not as adventurous as my friends, and it is sometimes hard to find things to do together. I find myself having more fun when I travel with my friends. There are many things that we can do to share the moment with each other.

Question 5

What do you need to do before you go abroad on holiday?

Suggested input

passport and visa, do some research, use the Internet, get the best out of trip, check overseas medical insurance coverage, familiarize ourselves with local conditions and laws, tell family and friends where you are going and leave them your contact details, insurance policy details and your itinerary, make sure you have enough cash to cover emergencies and any unexpected delays, work with the local bank for your debit card / credit card, prepare some medicine / camera and related accessories / chargers / guidebooks / phrase books / maps

Personal Answer

Model Answer

There are many things I have to do before I go abroad. The first thing is preparing a passport and getting the proper visa. Then I have to do some research to obtain useful information such as the weather, the culture, and the necessities to bring with me. Before I go on a trip, I always use the Internet to obtain information and try to get the best out of my trip.

More Questions

1. How do you think holidays will change in the next 10 years?

   Personal Answer

2. Why do people need to have vacations?

   Personal Answer

3. What can limit the growth of tourism in the future?

   Personal Answer

4. How have people's expectations about holidays changed over the last 20 years?

   Personal Answer

5. How is the tourism industry in your country today different from 50 years ago?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

interest
fascinating
can't wait to
nap
eat out
relieve
ex. relieve stress
tour
complete
sightseeing
facilities *pl.*
provide
state-of-the-art
equipment
get the best out of (= take full advantage of)
brochure
delicious
take time off
cf. take time off work
lucky to
opportunity
freelancer
restrict
nearby *a., ad.*
once every two months
cf. once every other day
prefer
motion sickness
privacy
on the road
sing along
traffic jam
be fatigued with
be exposed to
the public

precaution
suffer from
jet lag
tourist attraction
biblical
background
Ephesus
Cappadocia
Mediterranean
coexist
mind *n., v.*
gambling
roller coaster
thrilling
in a hurry
Antalya
coastline
waterfall
solar eclipse
purchase
spot
cliff
speck
ex. not a speck of clouds
spectacular
natural wonder
unexplored
tropical
hammock
restful
adventurous
parasailing
snorkeling
boogie board (= surfboard)
definitely

perceive

kidnap

robbery

cf. robber

thief

vanish

trace

ex. without a trace

disappearance

float

Bosporus

disaster

broaden

obtain

tolerant

diversity

benefit

effect

currency

ex. foreign currency

souvenir

ecological

damage

rubbish

assets *pl.*

scary

unfamiliar

abroad

ex. go abroad

passport

proper

research

necessity

Chapter 5

Places

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 5

• Part 1 Questions

1. What place do you like to visit the most?
2. Do you like museums?
3. What places in your country should a foreigner visit? Why?
4. Are there any special places in the world that you want to pay a visit?
5. What place in your country do you like best? Why?

• Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe a museum you have visited.

   You should say:

   where it is
   why you went there
   what you particularly remember about the place

   and what you liked and disliked about the place.

2. Describe a place that is very special to you.

   You should say:

   where it is
   what it is like there
   how often you go there
   how you feel when you are there

   and why this place is important to you.

• Part 3 Questions

1. What makes a place attractive: people, food, weather, or scenery?
2. What is your feeling when you see old architecture and historical buildings disappearing rapidly?
3. How do you feel about graffiti? Do you think it is art or vandalism?
4. What sort of places will be of interest to people in the future?
5. What do you think could be done to make museums more enjoyable?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. I like ________ cities with a long ________ because history is my ________ subject.
2. Cities with ________ entertainment don't ________ me too much.
3. I like going to ________ and learning about another country's ________.
4. We used to ________ field trips to ________.
5. Museums ________ days are ________ than the ones in the ________.
6. I would like to ________ them up ________ and learn ________ about them.
7. The ________ were also ________ from the people in ________ cities.
8. I was very ________ to see a number of beautiful ________ sculptures.
9. I ________ like to ________ about the ________ that I went to in Florence.
10. It was the most ________ museum that I enjoyed ________ around.
11. I ________ how famous a work of art it was by looking at many ________ from different parts of the world ________ it.
12. One thing I know for sure is that I love that ________ dearly, and that I hope to ________ that place ________ with someone special.
13. They ________ me to their house for home-cooked food and ________ me their culture.
14. It feels like ________ a piece of history that is an ________ part of our ________.
15. People are only ________ with the newest buildings that can provide ________ to them.
16. We will ________ about our ________ someday and we will have ________ to hand over to our offspring.
17. People are ________ more and more used to ________ life.
18. They can take ________ in looking at great ________ of the countryside.
19. ________ thing that could be done to make museums more ________ is changing the ________.
20. The ________ should ________ on choosing an ________ color of the walls.

Answers

1. visiting, history, favorite
2. modern, interest
3. museums, traditions
4. take, museums
5. these, better, past
6. observe, close, more
7. locals, different, big
8. happy, ancient
9. would, talk, museum
10. interesting, looking
11. realized, tourists, surrounding
12. place, visit, someday
13. invite, teach
14. losing, important, lives
15. concerned, convenience
16. forget, history, nothing
17. becoming, city
18. pleasure, views
19. First, attractive, interior
20. government, focus, appropriate

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I like visiting cities with a long history.**

Statement

(1) **you** You like visiting cities with a long history.
(2) **he** He likes visiting cities with a long history.
(3) **we** We ____________________.
(4) **she** She ____________________.
(5) **they** They ____________________.

Question

(1) **you** Do you like visiting cities with a long history?
(2) **he** Does he like visiting cities with a long history?
(3) **we** ____________________?
(4) **she** ____________________?
(5) **they** ____________________?

No Answer

(1) I No, I don't like visiting cities with a long history.

(2) he No, ______________________.

(3) we No, ______________________.

(4) she No, ______________________.

(5) they No, ______________________.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, I like visiting cities with a long history.

(2) he Yes, ______________________.

(3) we Yes, ______________________.

(4) she Yes, ______________________.

(5) they Yes, ______________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **Museums these days are better than the ones in the past.**

Statement

Museums these days are better than the ones in the past.

Question

Are museums these days better than the ones in the past?

No Answer

No, museums these days aren't better than the ones in the past.

Yes Answer

Yes, museums these days are better than the ones in the past.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. <u>I</u> like visiting cities with a long history.
2. Cities with modern entertainment don't interest <u>me</u> too much.
3. <u>I</u> like learning about another country's traditions.
4. <u>I</u> used to take field trips to museums.
5. Museums these days are better than the ones in the past.
6. <u>I</u> would like to observe them up close.
7. The locals are different from the people in big cities.
8. <u>I</u> am very happy to see a number of beautiful ancient sculptures.
9. <u>I</u> would like to talk about the museum that <u>I</u> went to in New York.
10. It was the most interesting museum that <u>I</u> enjoyed looking around.
11. <u>I</u> realized how famous a work of art it was by looking at the many tourists around it.

12. One thing that I know for sure is that I love that place dearly.
13. They invited me to their house for home-cooked food.
14. It feels like losing a piece of history that is an important part of our lives.
15. I am concerned with the newest buildings.
16. We will have nothing to hand over to our offspring.
17. I am becoming more and more used to city life.
18. I can take pleasure in looking at great views of the countryside.
19. The first thing that could be done to make museums more attractive is changing the interior.
20. I should focus on choosing an appropriate color of the walls.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

What place do you like to visit the most?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like visiting cities with a long history because history is my favorite subject. Cities with modern entertainment don't interest me too much. I like touring around the ruins of ancient cities. I also like going to museums and learning about another country's traditions.

Advanced Answer

I like places where I can enjoy beautiful views such as the top of a cliff or the beach. I especially like looking at the horizon of an ocean because it soothes me and makes me feel peaceful. I also like many water sports, and that's why I prefer places by the sea.

Question 2

Do you like museums?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

No, I don't. Museums are very boring. When I was young, we used to take field trips to museums, and I dreaded those days. Museums these days are better than the ones in the past, but I take no joy in visiting such places because I am not into art or history.

Advanced Answer

Yes, as you know, there are many different types of museums. I enjoy visiting art museums and seeing famous work of well-known artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, Monet, and Picasso. I also like visiting history museums because I can learn a lot about history and appreciate the development of our society.

Question 3

What places in your country should a foreigner visit? Why?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I think that foreigners should visit one special place in each part of Vietnam. In the north, they should visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum in Hanoi because this is the final resting place of Ho Chi Minh, a great Vietnamese leader. In central Vietnam, foreign visitors should come to Thien Mu Pagoda. It is one of the oldest and prettiest religious buildings. Visiting the south, foreigners should come to the Reunification Palace as this building was the home and workplace of the Presidents of South Vietnam during the Vietnam War and now is considered as the witness of the end of Vietnam War in 1975.

Advanced Answer

I think foreigners should visit one famous place in each part of Vietnam. Coming to the north, they should pay a visit to Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum which is located in Hanoi. This is the final resting place of our country's most notable historic figure, leader Ho Chi Minh. In central Vietnam, foreign visitors should come to Thien Mu Pagoda which is one of the oldest and prettiest religious buildings in our country. Visiting the south, foreigners should go on a tour of the Reunification Palace as this building was the former presidential palace of South Vietnam Presidents until April 1975, and is now preserved as a museum. This outstanding architecture reminds the Vietnamese people of its symbolic role in the fall of the former regime in April 1975 when its gates were breached by the Vietnamese tanks and the victor's flag hung on the balcony.

Question 4

Are there any special places in the world that you want to pay a visit?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes, I want to go on safari in Africa. I love animals, especially big cats. I would like to observe them up close and learn more about them. I can also see other animals, such as giraffes, zebras, and even hyenas. I often enjoy watching documentaries on lions or leopard cubs. Africa is very far from where I live, but I hope to pay a visit someday.

Advanced Answer

Yes, I am very interested in the Seven Wonders of the World. I have been to the Taj Mahal in India and the Colosseum in Italy already, and I would like to visit some of the other wonders such as the Pyramids in Egypt or the Great Wall in China. It is amazing to see the great achievements that ancient people have built with their engineering technology.

Question 5

What place in your country do you like best? Why?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like Nha Trang best. It is located in Khanh Hoa province, central Vietnam. Nha Trang is a wonderful and attractive tourist resort and recognised as one of the most beautiful bays in the world. Every summer, my family comes to Nha Trang to swim in the warm sea and also tour around Vinpearl Land by cable car. We can enjoy a variety of activities at Vinpearl Theme Park, which is very modern and entertaining.

Advanced Answer

Among the places I have been to, Nha Trang is the best. My family and I went there last year for our family vacation. My first impression of Nha Trang was that it was very different from other places in Vietnam. Nha Trang is endowed by nature with deep, quiet and warm waters all the year round, surrounded by archipelagoes, islands, mountains, and white sand beaches, which makes it a wonderful and attractive tourist resort. Nha Trang Bay is recognised as one of the most beautiful bays in the world. Also, Nha Trang has many specialties, especially, bird's nest soup is very famous in Nha Trang and round Vietnam. The magnificent coral seabed in Nha Trang makes it ideal for scuba diving and snorkeling. Visiting this seaside resort town, I can enjoy swimming in the warm sea and do a variety of activities at Vinpearl Theme Park, which is very modern and entertaining. I think this city is more lively and urban in character than other beach destinations in Vietnam.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe a museum you have visited.

You should say:

where it is
why you went there
what you particularly remember about the place

and what you liked and disliked about the place.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I have been to a museum in Florence. I went there when I was in 12th grade. It was for my senior trip. When I went through the entrance, I saw a huge sculpture. I looked closely and found out that it was the sculpture of David by Michelangelo. Many foreign tourists surrounded it and were taking pictures of it. I was very happy to see a number of beautiful ancient sculptures, and I enjoyed my time there very much.

Advanced Answer

I would like to talk about the museum that I went to in Florence, Italy, for my senior trip in high school. Unfortunately, I don't remember the exact name of the museum, but it was the most interesting museum that I enjoyed looking around. The most amazing thing that I saw was the huge sculpture of David by Michelangelo that I had only seen on TV documentaries or in art textbooks. It was over 5 meters tall, in marble, and had a very vivid silhouette. I realized how famous a work of art it was by looking at many tourists from different parts of the world surrounding it. I also saw many other ancient sculptures, but all the names of the sculptures were in Italian, and I couldn't identify them. I loved visiting that museum because it made me wonder how artists were able to vividly express something with a big mass of marble.

Topic Card 2

Describe a place that is very special to you.

You should say:

where it is
what it is like there
how often you go there
how you feel when you are there

and why this place is important to you.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

When I was studying abroad, I often used to drive up to the hill located in the back of my university. There was a place where I could park my car and look down at the entire city. The view during the day wasn't very interesting, but the night view was incredible. I used to go up there when I felt stressed out, needed some ideas, or when I just wanted to get some fresh air. I don't exactly know what it is about that place that made me feel calm and refreshed. But one thing I know for sure is that I loved that place dearly, and that I hope to visit it someday with someone special.

Advanced Answer

A place that is special to me is Dam Sen Theme Park. Opened in 1999, it is a large-scale park within the city. Actually, it is located in District 11, Ho Chi Minh City. A whole complex including Co-op Mart, a modern bowling centre, luxurious Sports and Gymnasium Centre, etc. will satisfy all kinds of

visitors' needs for shopping and entertainment. Dam Sen Theme Park is particularly convenient for city dwellers to come and enjoy themselves, especially at weekends. When I was young, my parents used to take me there. I really enjoyed water games, such as water fountains, water puppetry, water slides, etc. Even now, I'm a grown-up person, I always feel very happy and peaceful whenever I come there. I found this place special because this park is where my husband and I met for the first time, and we had unforgettable dates later.

Part 3

Question 1

What makes a place attractive: people, food, weather, or scenery?

Suggested input

a sociable place, accessible, well-balanced, a wide range of activities, local/native culture, friendly/helpful locals/residents, tasty food, nice/warm weather, beautiful scenery (mountainous cities, staircase rice fields, long coasts, etc.)

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I think in order for a place to be attractive, everything needs to be well-balanced: friendly locals, delicious food, beautiful weather, and great scenery. I like it when I can get to know the locals and become friends with them. I also like it when they invite me to their homes for their home-cooked food and teach me their culture.

Question 2

What is your feeling when you see old architecture and historical buildings disappearing rapidly?

Suggested input

sad, historical heritage, demolition, losing a piece of history, hand over to offspring

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I must say that the demolition of historical buildings saddens me. It feels like losing a piece of history that is an important part of our lives. With the development of technology, people are only concerned with the newest buildings that can provide convenience to them. If we continue to demolish old buildings, I'm afraid that we will forget about our history someday and we will have nothing to hand over to our offspring.

Question 3

How do you feel about graffiti? Do you think it is art or vandalism?

Suggested input

a type of deliberate marking on property, both private and public, take the form of pictures, drawings, words, or any decorations inscribed on any surface usually outside walls and sidewalks, big debate, recognised as art/viewed as creative expression, when done without the property owner's consent, it constitutes illegal vandalism, look trashy, viewed as too vulgar or controversial to have public value

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Graffiti started in the backstreets of Harlem, New York in the 1960's. There was a big debate on whether it was art or vandalism, but nowadays it is recognized as art by most people and is spreading fast worldwide along with hip-hop culture. Even though I am very fascinated with graffiti, I must say that it is vandalism. I have seen quite a lot of graffiti works around big cities, and I noticed how it makes the city look trashy.

Question 4

What sort of places will be of interest to people in the future?

Suggested input

be used to city life, beauty of nature, countryside, petting zoos, close to nature, places full of fresh air

Personal Answer

Model Answer

These days, people are becoming more and more used to city life shut in buildings all day long, and are used to looking at machinery, computers, high-rises, and cars. Therefore, in the future, I think that people will start to realize the beauty of nature and will prefer to visit ranches where they can take pleasure in looking at great views of the countryside, or visiting petting zoos with their children.

Question 5

What do you think could be done to make museums more enjoyable?

Suggested input

changing the interior, appropriate colour of the walls, arrangement of exhibits, explanation of each artifact

Personal Answer

Model Answer

First thing that could be done to make museums more enjoyable is changing the interior. Most museums that I have been to had terrible interior design. The government should focus on choosing an appropriate colour of the walls to make the exhibit more vivid. In addition, the arrangement of exhibits should be changed as well to include explanations of each artifact.

More Questions

1. What kinds of places in the world are threatened by construction or other types of progress and development?

   Personal Answer

2. What is your opinion on museum art, as opposed to pop culture?

   Personal Answer

3. What is the role of public art, for example statues and buildings?

   Personal Answer

4. Do you think it is important to preserve historical areas in countries? Why?

   Personal Answer

5. Do you think your country needs museums and art galleries?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

modern
entertainment
ruins *pl.*
horizon
soothe
field trip
dread
take joy in
appreciate
development
mausoleum
religious
witness
be located in
notable
historic
figure
go on a tour
former
presidential
remind
tank
pay a visit
big cats
ex. lions, tigers, leopards, lynxes, etc.
giraffe
zebra
hyena
leopard
cub
the Seven Wonders of the World
temple
achievement
province
bay

cable car
entertaining
endow
archipelago
resort
magnificent
coral
seabed
scuba diving
snorkeling
variety
urban
character
Florence
senior trip
entrance
sculpture
surround
take a picture of
cf. have a picture taken
exact
huge
marble
vivid
silhouette
identify
complex
city dweller
water fountain
water puppetry
water slide
unforgettable
incredible
stressed out
refresh

dearly

attractive

well-balanced

get to know

rapidly

demolition

sadden

be concerned with

provide A to B

hand over to

offspring

graffiti

vandalism

backstreet
cf. backstreets

Harlem

There was a big debate on

be recognized as

be fascinated with

trashy

be used to

shut in

machinery

high-rise

therefore

ranch

take pleasure in

petting zoo

interior
cf. the interior

terrible

focus on

appropriate

exhibit

arrangement

explanation

artifact

threaten

progress

as opposed to

pop culture

preserve

Chapter 6

Transport

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 6

• Part 1 Questions

1. How did you get here today? How long did the journey take?
2. What type of car do you like most?
3. Do you like travelling by car?
4. What is public transportation like in your town?
5. Do you think people should use public transportation more? Why or why not?

• Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe your favorite type of transportation.

   You should say:

   what it is
   how often you use it
   why you like it

   and explain the advantages and disadvantages of this transportation.

2. Describe your journey to school or work.

   You should say:

   what forms of transportation are involved
   how much time it takes
   whether it is enjoyable or not

   and how you would make your journey more pleasant if you could.

• Part 3 Questions

1. Tell me about the advantages and disadvantages of public transportation.
2. Do you think getting to work is easier or more difficult than it used to be?
3. Do you think public transportation in your area is adequate? Why or why not?
4. Do you think cars are safer than they used to be?
5. How has transportation in your town changed over the last twenty-five years?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. There ________ any bus that ________ takes me here from my ________.
2. I was ________ to get here on ________ because there was an ________ on the road.
3. I am ________ on buying another sports car ________ year.
4. I had no ________ with getting my ________ back on the road ________ my car was equipped with four-wheel drive.
5. I get ________ when I travel by car for ________ than one hour.
6. Korea is ________ number one in the ________ accident rate.
7. I am very ________ of being in a ________.
8. People should ________ public ________ because there is not ________ space for parking.
9. It ________ too many ________ in our society.
10. We will no ________ have to ________ with finding a ________ spot.
11. We will be able to ________ fresh air and help our ________ in the long run.
12. I like using the ________ because it is very ________ and is always on ________.
13. I take full ________ of it because it is the ________ way to go from point A to point B in my town.
14. I have to ________ using the subway during the ________ hour because it gets ________.
15. It usually ________ me about 45 minutes to get to ________.
16. Being ________ on time is very ________ to me, so I ________ on the subway the most.
17. I ________ the subway to work every day because it is the most ________ way to get ________ my office.
18. One of the main ________ of public transportation is ________ money on gasoline and ________.
19. I think getting to work has become ________ than it ________ to be in the past.
20. We don't have to ________ as many ________ as we used to.

Answers

1. isn't, directly, home
2. lucky, time, accident
3. planning, next
4. problem, car, because
5. carsick, more
6. ranked, traffic
7. afraid, car
8. use, transportation, enough
9. creates, problems
10. longer, deal, parking
11. breathe, economy
12. subway, safe, time
13. advantage, fastest
14. avoid, rush, overcrowded
15. takes, work
16. somewhere, important, rely
17. take, convenient, to
18. advantages, saving, insurance
19. easier, used
20. transfer, times

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▸ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I am lucky to get here on time.**

Statement

(1) **you** You are lucky to get here on time.
(2) **he** He is lucky to get here on time.
(3) **we** We ______________________.
(4) **she** She ______________________.
(5) **they** They ______________________.

Question

(1) **you** Are you lucky to get here on time?
(2) **he** Is he lucky to get here on time?
(3) **we** ______________________?
(4) **she** ______________________?
(5) **they** ______________________?

No Answer

(1) **I** No, I am not lucky to get here on time.

(2) **he** No, ______________________________.

(3) **we** No, ______________________________.

(4) **she** No, ______________________________.

(5) **they** No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) **I** Yes, I am lucky to get here on time.

(2) **he** Yes, ______________________________.

(3) **we** Yes, ______________________________.

(4) **she** Yes, ______________________________.

(5) **they** Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **Korea is ranked number one in the traffic accident rate.**

Statement

Korea is ranked number one in the traffic accident rate.

Question

Is Korea ranked number one in the traffic accident rate?

No Answer

No, Korea is not ranked number one in the traffic accident rate.

Yes Answer

Yes, Korea is ranked number one in the traffic accident rate.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

▸ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. There isn't any bus that directly takes me here from my home.
2. I am lucky to get here on time.
3. I am planning on buying another sports car next year.
4. My car is equipped with four-wheel drive.
5. I get carsick when I travel by car for more than one hour.
6. Korea is ranked number one in the traffic accident rate.
7. I am very afraid of being in a car.
8. I should use public transportation because there is not enough space for parking.
9. It creates too many problems in our society.
10. I will no longer have to deal with finding a parking spot.
11. I will be able to breathe fresh air.

12. I like using the subway because it is on time.
13. It is the fastest way to go from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City.
14. I have to avoid using the subway during the rush hour.
15. It usually takes me about 45 minutes to get to work.
16. I rely on the subway the most.
17. It is the most convenient way to get to my office.
18. One of the main advantages of public transportation is saving money on gasoline.
19. Getting to work has become easier than it used to be in the past.
20. I don't have to transfer as many times as I used to.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

How did you get here today? How long did the journey take?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I came here by bus. It took about 40 minutes.

Advanced Answer

I got to the exam centre by bus and it took me about thirty minutes. There isn't a direct bus that takes me here from my home. I had to change two buses. I was lucky to get here on time because there was an accident on the road, and the traffic jam was really bad.

Question 2

What type of car do you like most?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like sports cars. I like them because they are fast and they look very chic. I like expensive sports cars, especially Porsche or Lamborghini. They are too expensive for me, though. I have a sports car by Honda now, and I am planning on buying another sports car next year.

Advanced Answer

I am into sport utility vehicles because I like going camping and they can come in handy when I go off-road. One time, I was up in the mountains to go camping with my friends. We were lost in the middle of the mountains, and when I was making a U-turn, one of the rear wheels got stuck at the edge of a cliff. Everyone panicked at first, but I had no problem getting my car back on the road because my car was equipped with four-wheel drive. I have been a big fan of them ever since that incident.

Question 3

Do you like travelling by car?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes, I do. I like travelling by car because it is convenient. I also enjoy driving because I am interested in cars.

Advanced Answer

No, I don't like travelling by car because I get carsick when I travel by car for more than one hour. Besides, cars are very dangerous. It is the most dangerous type of transportation because many accidents occur each day. Therefore, I am very afraid of being in a car.

Question 4

What is public transportation like in your town?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

There are many types of public transportation available in my town. Buses and motorcycle-taxis are the most popular types of public transportation. They are cheap and easy to use. There are also many taxis, but they are quite pricy.

Advanced Answer

Public transportation in my town is designed to be very easy to use and is easy to transfer from one place to another. There are many buses, motorcycle-taxis, and taxis, and you can find them anywhere very easily. However, my town, Ho Chi Minh City, is a very crowded city, and there are not many people using public transportation, which sometimes causes traffic congestion, especially during rush hours.

Question 5

Do you think people should use public transportation more? Why or why not?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes. I think people should use public transportation because there is not enough space for parking in Vietnam. In addition, we do not produce much gasoline, and we have to import a lot of it from other countries.

Advanced Answer

Definitely! People nowadays prefer to ride motorcycles or drive their own cars. As a result, it creates too many problems for society, such as lack of parking spaces, traffic jams, and air pollution. If everyone becomes aware of such problems and takes advantage of public transportation, we will no longer have to deal with finding a parking spot, getting stuck in the middle of traffic jams, or even paying high prices to fill up our gas tanks. Besides, we will be able to breathe fresh air and help our economy in the long run.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe your favorite type of transportation.

You should say:

what it is
how often you use it
why you like it

and explain the advantages and disadvantages of this transportation.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like using buses. Every day, I go to school or go to my grandmother's house by bus. I like using buses because it is safe. However, it gets too packed during rush hours.

Advanced Answer

My favorite type of transportation is buses. I take full advantage of buses because it is the safest way to go from point A to point B in my town. They are usually punctual, and it is less likely to have an accident. The only fact that I don't like about buses is that I have to avoid using them during rush hours when they get overcrowded.

Topic Card 2

Describe your journey to school or work.

You should say:

what forms of transportation are involved
how much time it takes
whether it is enjoyable or not

and how you would make your journey more pleasant if you could.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I take buses to my work every day. It usually takes me about 45 minutes to get to work. I usually go after the rush hour, so I don't worry about traffic jams. Being on time is very important to me, so I rely on buses the most. I usually listen to music or read books on the bus. To me, it seems that travelling by bus makes commuting faster.

Advanced Answer

I take buses to my work every day because it is the safest way to get to my office. It takes me about one hour, which is a bit too long, so I try to spend my time wisely by reading newspapers or books. I also listen to some soothing music to relax on the road because I have a very demanding job. I think the bus is a very reliable source of transportation because of its low fares and safety.

Part 3

Question 1

Tell me about the advantages and disadvantages of public transportation.

Suggested input

Advantages

good for the environment / save the environment, low cost / much cheaper than private transportation, better accessibility, not have to drive, no need to have a driving licence, not to worry about parking, more comfortable (e.g. relax, read something while riding)

Disadvantages

Public transportation runs on a set schedule, timetables are not appropriate, buses occasionally arrive late, problems for disabled passengers, a preset route makes passengers need a secondary source of transportation to arrive at their final destination, have to walk some distance to their home or office, no privacy, overcrowding, not have much personal space

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Well, one of the main advantages of public transportation is saving money on gasoline. Gasoline in my country is very expensive because it is imported from abroad. If you use public transportation, you do not have to worry about maintaining your car or motorbike. However, there are some bad things about public transportation. First of all, it is very crowded during rush hours. Secondly, passengers might be robbed or pickpocketed and lose valuable belongings. Lastly, there is no privacy in public transportation, and passengers have to watch out for their behavior and consider other people's comfort, which can be a bit nerve-wracking.

Question 2

Do you think getting to work is easier or more difficult than it used to be?

Suggested input

easier, more public transportation, not transfer much, more bus lines

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I think getting to work has become easier than it used to be in the past because public transportation in our country has developed miraculously. There are more bus lines, so people don't have to transfer as many times as they used to.

Question 3

Do you think public transportation in your area is adequate? Why or why not?

Suggested input

not enough public transportation, inadequate availability, rush hours, not safe commute

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Certainly not. There are not enough buses, which is causing many problems in my city. The transportation system itself is probably the best that fits our city, but the availability isn't enough, especially during rush hours. Many people get hurt or robbed. The government should provide more transportation during rush hours so that our citizens can have an enjoyable and safe commute.

Question 4

Do you think cars are safer than they used to be?

Suggested input

safety features, air bags, anti-lock braking systems, rear camera, driving in reverse

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Of course. Cars nowadays have many safety features such as air bags and anti-lock braking systems. In the past, the cars equipped with such features were quite pricy, but you can find cars with both features and side air bags at a reduced price. Another safety feature is the rear camera that allows you to see the rear of the car on the screen while you are driving in reverse. This feature has saved many children who are not tall enough to be seen by the drivers.

Question 5

How has transportation in your town changed over the last twenty-five years?

Suggested input

air transport, low-cost airlines with online booking facilities, train travel, express trains, urban transport, motorcycles are presently the primary mode of transport, pedicabs no longer available for inner-city travel, bus travel not strongly recommended

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Transportation in my city has changed considerably over the last twenty-five years. For example, using buses and taxicabs to go around the city is not a challenge any more. Taxis are plentiful in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. They can be flagged down on the street or arranged at a hotel or a restaurant. Foreign passengers can rely on taxi drivers because most of them can drive them to their expected destinations. Moreover, taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped. Besides, hopping on the back of a "motorbike-taxi" is the cheapest way to travel around, but wearing a helmet is a must when traveling by motorbike.

More Questions

1. What are some advantages and disadvantages of having a private car?

Personal Answer

2. Can you compare public and private transportation?

Personal Answer

3. How have methods of transportation in your country been improved?

Personal Answer

4. What kinds of public transportation are available in your country?

Personal Answer

5. What kind of transportation will there be in the future?

Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

journey
chic
Porsche
Lamborghini
be into
sport utility vehicle
go camping
come in handy
off-road
rear
get stuck
edge
panic
be equipped with
four-wheel drive
fan
ever since
incident
convenient
be interested in
carsick
dangerous
occur
be afraid of
motorcycle-taxi
pricy
traffic congestion
produce
gasoline
import
nowadays
lack
pollution
take advantage of
get stuck
fill up
breathe
in the long run
packed
rush hour
take full advantage of
from point A to point B
punctual
less likely to
avoid V-ing
overcrowded
pleasant
rely on
commute
wisely
soothing
relax
demanding
reliable
source
safety
maintain
pickpocket
valuable
watch out for
nerve-wracking
miraculously
adequate
fit
availability
government
enjoyable
safety feature

anti-lock braking system	flag down
reverse	destination
considerably	tip
challenge	hop
plentiful	helmet

Chapter 7

Your Country and Culture

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 7

Part 1 Questions

1. What are some important festivals in your country?
2. Can you tell me something about your customs?
3. Do you like to travel in your country?
4. What kind of climate does your country have?
5. What is the biggest celebration in your country?

Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe a beautiful place to visit in your country.

   You should say:

   where it is
   how to get there
   what there is to do there

   and why you recommend this place.

2. Describe a festival in your country.

   You should say:

   what it is
   when it is
   why you like/dislike this festival

   and how this festival is celebrated.

Part 3 Questions

1. What things do you like most about your own culture?
2. What changes does your country really need?
3. What are the benefits that people returning home from abroad bring to your country?
4. What is the best way to make sure that children grow up knowing about their cultural past?
5. What are some of the main industries in your country?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. The Cherry Blossom Festival is ______ in different parts of Korea ______ spring each year.
2. They take a ______ with their family or ______ ones under the ______ blossoms.
3. The ______ site for this ______ in my town is in Yeoui-Do.
4. You have to ______ for the ______ person to ______ eating first.
5. You have to be ______ throughout the ______ meal.
6. We pay a big ______ to the elderly to ______ them a happy and a ______ life.
7. The ______ industry in Korea isn't as ______ as ones in other countries.
8. I think ______ in Korea is very ______ and has its own ______.
9. There are four very ______ seasons in my ______.
10. I ______ think it's too dry ______ to other parts of the world.
11. Family members ______ at one's house and have a ______, and talk about family ______.
12. We must go to our ______ house and ______ house to say ______.
13. We also ______ presents with our ______ during this celebration to ______ each other a happy holiday.
14. The fastest and most ______ way to ______ there is by airplane which ______ about one hour.
15. It is a good ______ for the world to ______ more about Korea.
16. It is a good ______ for Korean ______ to be known to the world and get ______.
17. The ______ I like the most about my ______ is ______.
18. I was very ______ to see how the ______ voluntarily abide by their ______ laws.
19. Parents should ______ their children to ______ as many books as ______.
20. Korean cellular phones are ______ for their design as ______ as their function.

Answers

1. held, during
2. walk, loved, falling
3. famous, festival
4. wait, older, start
5. seated, entire
6. bow, wish, healthy
7. tourism, developed
8. traveling, exciting, beauty
9. distinctive, country
10. don't, compared
11. gather, feast, affairs
12. parents', relatives', hello
13. exchange, acquaintances, wish
14. convenient, get, takes
15. chance, learn
16. opportunity, opera, recognized
17. thing, culture, respect
18. surprised, Germans, traffic
19. recommend, read, possible
20. famous, well

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▸ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined possessive adjectives accordingly.)

Ex 1. **The famous site for this festival is in my town.**

Statement

(1) **you** The famous site for this festival is in your town.
(2) **he** The famous site for this festival is in his town.
(3) **we** ______________________________.
(4) **she** ______________________________.
(5) **they** ______________________________.

Question

(1) **you** Is the famous site for this festival in your town?
(2) **he** Is the famous site for this festival in his town?
(3) **we** ______________________________?
(4) **she** ______________________________?
(5) **they** ______________________________?

No Answer

(1) I   No, the famous site for this festival isn't in my town.

(2) he   No, ______________________________.

(3) we   No, ______________________________.

(4) she   No, ______________________________.

(5) they   No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) I   Yes, the famous site for this festival is in my town.

(2) he   Yes, ______________________________.

(3) we   Yes, ______________________________.

(4) she   Yes, ______________________________.

(5) they   Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **The festival is held in different parts of Vietnam during spring each year.**

Statement

The festival is held in different parts of Vietnam during spring each year.

Question

Is the festival held in different parts of Vietnam during spring each year?

No Answer

No, the festival isn't held in different parts of Vietnam during spring each year.

Yes Answer

Yes, the festival is held in different parts of Vietnam during spring each year.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. The festival is held in different parts of Vietnam during spring each year.
2. I take a walk with my family under the falling blossoms.
3. The famous site for this festival is in my town.
4. You have to wait for the older person to start eating first.
5. You have to be seated throughout the entire meal.
6. We pay a big bow to the elderly to wish them a happy life.
7. The tourism industry in Korea isn't as developed as ones in other countries.
8. I think traveling in Vietnam has its own beauty.
9. There are four distinctive seasons in my country.
10. I don't think it's too dry compared to other parts of the world.
11. We gather at our house and have a feast, and talk about family affairs.

12. I must go to my parents' house and relatives' house to say hello.
13. We exchange presents with our acquaintances during this celebration.
14. The most convenient way to get there is by airplane.
15. It is a good chance for the world to learn more about Vietnam.
16. It is a good opportunity for Vietnamese culture to be known to the world.
17. The thing I like the most about my culture is respect.
18. I am very surprised to see how the Germans abide by their traffic laws.
19. I should recommend my children to read as many books as possible.
20. Cellular phones are famous for their design as well as their function.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

What are some important festivals in your country?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Vietnam's most important festival is Tet, the New Year. It is celebrated from the first to the third of the first lunar month. It is the most important event in the year. Traditionally, Vietnamese people return to their families, even from abroad. Another important festival is the Mid-Autumn festival. This is a delightful festival for children and most pleasant for adults to watch. Many weeks before the festival, bakers are busy making hundreds of thousands of moon cakes. They are baked and sold in colorful boxes. Moon cakes are usually presented as gifts to family members and friends.

Advanced Answer

Festivals and events form an important part of the Vietnamese culture. For generations, festivals have been an important cultural activity of the Vietnamese people.

Vietnam's major festival is Tet, the New Year, celebrated in late January or early February. It is the most important event in the year. One or two weeks before Tet, gifts are exchanged between near and dear ones. Tet is also a time for travel. Special trains and flights are arranged, and tickets sell out well in advance. This is a minimum three-day holiday and is the time for enjoyment, family re-union, and paying respect to the ancestors. Traditionally, Vietnamese people return to their families, even from abroad.

Another important festival is the Mid-Autumn festival. This is a delightful festival for children and most pleasant for adults to watch. Many weeks before the festival, bakers are busy making hundreds of thousands of moon cakes of sticky rice and filled with all kinds of unusual filling such as peanuts, sugar, lotus seed, duck-egg yolks, raisins, watermelon seed, etc. They are baked and sold in colorful boxes, and expensive ones in beautifully decorated boxes are presented as gifts.

Vietnamese festivals and events are also marked by the remembrance of the national heroes and various religious ceremonies. Festivals in Vietnam are the occasion to dress beautifully and show their customs and habits. This is the time when one can witness social encounters and the springing up of new relationships.

Question 2

Can you tell me something about your customs?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

There are many customs and restrictions about eating. At the beginning of a meal, you have to wait for the older person to start eating first. In addition, you have to be seated throughout the entire meal because leaving the table before an older person is very rude.

Advanced Answer

The Vietnamese are very modest and courteous people. These are reflected in the Vietnamese customs and traditions. They have an extremely simple lifestyle and that reflects in their social communication and in their manners of interaction with each other.

For official purposes, customs in Vietnam dictate that people generally use the English Mr., Mrs., or Ms. before the title or the title and the first name. They also use the Vietnamese word 'Thua', which stands for 'please', to add a note of reverence. They give more importance to their family name and put it first, then their middle name, and finally their first name. True to the conservative traditions in Vietnam, the Vietnamese are absolutely averse to any kind of physical contact in public, especially among the opposite sex. Hence, they do not generally shake hands but bow down a little to greet each other. At times, they also join their hands and sometimes an elderly person touches a child's head. Another custom which needs mentioning is on a social outing with friends, the bill is mostly paid by the host.

Question 3

Do you like to travel in your country?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like traveling in Vietnam very much. There are many interesting places such as Da Lat, Nha Trang, Mui Ne, Phu Quoc Island, etc. Vietnam is a coastal and spacious nation. It has a lot of tourist attractions.

Advanced Answer

I like traveling in my country as it is a wonderful place to travel around. There are a great number of tourist attractions and historical sites throughout Vietnam for visitors to pay a visit. Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam, is worth visiting. Hanoi is defined with lush gardens, peaceful lakes, and historical sites. Also, Ha Long Bay, one of the world's natural wonders, is located in the north-east of Vietnam. Ha Long Bay has been recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. As a coastal city in the province of Khanh Hoa, Nha Trang is well known as a city of festivals: Sea Festival, Miss Universe 2008, Miss Earth 2010. The beaches there have turned this place into a beautiful landscape collection attracting a lot of visitors. The tourism industry in Vietnam isn't as developed as the ones in other countries, but I think traveling in Vietnam is very exciting because of its unique beauty.

Question 4

What kind of climate does your country have?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

The climate of Vietnam varies greatly from one region of the country to another. One can't really say that there is one average temperature for all of the country because it is so variable. Most of Vietnam has a subtropical climate and is hot, at least in the summer, and wet most of the year.

Advanced Answer

The climate of Vietnam varies considerably from region to region. Although the entire country lies in the tropics and subtropics, local condition varies from frosty winters in the far northern hills to year-round, sub-equatorial warmth in the Mekong Delta. North Vietnam has two basic seasons: a cold, dry winter from November to April, and a warm, humid summer for the remainder of the year. Summer temperatures average around 22 degrees Celsius, with occasional typhoons. The northern provinces of Central Vietnam share the climate of the North, while the southern provinces share the tropical weather of the South. South Vietnam is generally warm, the hottest months occur from March to May, when temperatures rise above 30 degrees Celsius. This is also the dry season in the South, followed by the April-October monsoon season.

Question 5

What is the biggest celebration in your country?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

The biggest celebration in my country is Tet, Vietnamese New Year. During the Tet holidays, many people go back to their home town or visit their relatives. Family members and relatives gather at one's house and have a feast, and talk about family affairs.

Advanced Answer

There are many big celebrations in my country, but I must say that the biggest one is Tet, which is the Lunar New Year Day. Our ancestors used to use the lunar calendar, and celebrating the Lunar New Year Day has become our tradition. During this holiday, we must go to our parents' house and relatives' house to say hello, and to wish them a long, happy, and healthy life. We spend time with our family members and relatives by having a feast or playing traditional games. We also exchange presents with our acquaintances during this celebration to wish each other a happy holiday.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe a beautiful place to visit in your country.

You should say:

where it is
how to get there
what there is to do there

and why you recommend this place.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I will tell you about Phu Quoc Island, the largest island in Vietnam. It is 50 kilometres from the Vietnamese mainland and a 50-minute flight from Ho Chi Minh City. There are many activities tourists can enjoy, such as swimming in the sea, enjoying a delicious dinner and drinks at one of the restaurants and enjoying accommodation at luxurious hotels. I recommend this place because it is clean and the environment is untouched. People there are also very nice.

Advanced Answer

I'd like to recommend Phu Quoc Island, which is a peaceful tropical paradise floating in the warm turquoise waters in the Gulf of Thailand, 50 kilometres from the Vietnamese mainland. The fastest and the most convenient way to get there is by airplane, which takes about 50 minutes from Ho Chi Minh City. In one day, visitors can experience the culture of Vietnam at the local market in the morning, relax on a remote and stunning beach in the afternoon, enjoy a delicious dinner and drinks at one of the restaurants, and enjoy accommodation at a variety of hotels and resorts on this superb island getaway. I recommend this place because of its well-known beaches, untouched natural environment, the easy-going and relaxed atmosphere, friendly locals, and fantastic scuba diving and snorkelling.

Topic Card 2

Describe a festival in your country.

You should say:

what it is
when it is
why you like / dislike this festival

and how this festival is celebrated.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

One of the most important festivals in my country is Tet. This holy festival occurs in late January or early February. Tet has become so popular among the Vietnamese that from the beginning of spring, the Vietnamese are busy preparing for the arrival of Tet. Though Tet is a three-day holiday, the festivities can go on for a week or more. People eat, drink, and participate in pleasant social activities. I like Tet because this is the most important and popular holiday in Vietnam.

Advanced Answer

Tet, the most well-known festival in Vietnam, is actually the Vietnamese and Chinese Lunar New Year. This festival is considered to be the most important festival of the Vietnamese people. This holy festival occurs in late January or early February. It marks the arrival of spring based on the Chinese calendar. Tet has become so popular in Vietnam that from the beginning of spring, the Vietnamese people get delighted and gear up for the arrival of Tet. Though Tet is a three-day holiday, the festivities can go on for a week or more including eating, drinking, and participating in pleasant social activities. I like Tet because this is the most important holiday when all the family members can reunite after a hard-working year. During Tet, most Vietnamese people visit their relatives and temples. They also wish each other prosperity and luck when they meet. They really want to forget about the troubles of the past year and hope for a better upcoming year.

Part 3

Question 1

What things do you like most about your own culture?

Suggested input

respect, taught to be respectful, coexist, Vietnamese New Year / customs / ethnic groups / wedding customs / traditional festivals / clothing

Personal Answer

Model Answer

The thing I like the most about my culture is respect. Since we were very young, we have been taught to be respectful by our parents and grandparents. I think it is a very important thing to learn because we live in a society where all kinds of people coexist, and if we do not respect each other, our society will become harsher than it is now.

Question 2

What changes does your country really need?

Suggested input

laws and regulations to protect citizens' lives, enforce the traffic laws, reduce traffic accidents, laws and regulations to better education system, reduce teachers' and students' workload, more moral education

Personal Answer

Model Answer

In my opinion, the traffic laws really need to change to protect the lives of citizens in my country. There are many regulations which are not being followed by the majority of people. When I went to Germany, I was very surprised to see how the Germans voluntarily abide by their traffic laws very well. I think that the Vietnamese government should enforce the traffic laws and raise the fines so that no innocent people in my country become traffic victims.

Question 3

What are the benefits that people returning home from abroad bring to your country?

Suggested input

useful knowledge, educate next generation, a big plus to the country, help contribute to the national development

Personal Answer

Model Answer

People who have received an education in foreign countries can bring useful knowledge to our country. In addition, they can use their knowledge in educating the next generation, so it will be a big plus to our country.

Question 4

What is the best way to make sure that children grow up knowing about their cultural past?

Suggested input

recommend children to read books/watch cultural and historical films, take them to cultural and historical places, tell them traditional stories

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I think the best way to make sure that children grow up knowing about their cultural past is reading books about it. Many books nowadays are designed for children to help them understand their culture and history without making them lose interest. Parents should recommend their children to read as many books as possible when they are still young.

Question 5

What are some of the main industries in your country?

Suggested input

food processing, several programmes to enhance food processing technologies, seafood export, construction, construction sector has dramatically altered, manufacturing centre, plastics and rubber industries are developing quickly

Personal Answer

Model Answer

One of the main industries in my country is food processing. The government of Vietnam is implementing several programmes to enhance food processing technologies. Seafood export includes shrimps, tuna, and "Tra" fish.

Construction is the second key industry in this period. The construction sector has altered dramatically. Several recently constructed buildings enhance the appearance of the urban landscape, and the construction equipment lives up to the international standards.

Another main industry is manufacturing. Our country is steadily becoming the global manufacturing centre. Its plastic and rubber industries are developing quickly to serve a diversified industrial base.

More Questions

1. How do you feel about patriotism?

   Personal Answer

2. Do you think that it is useful to maintain your culture's traditional stories such as myths and folk tales?

   Personal Answer

3. What big changes will happen in your country over the next ten years?

   Personal Answer

4. What are some problems your country faces currently?

   Personal Answer

5. Why do people in your country emigrate?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

festival
celebrate
traditionally
delightful
present *v.*
gift
generation
cultural activity
enjoyment
family reunion
pay respect to
ancestor
sticky rice
remembrance
hero
witness
social encounter
custom
restriction
throughout
rude
modest
courteous
reflect
lifestyle
dictate
title
stand for
reverence
conservative
be averse to
bow
coastal
spacious
tourist attraction

historical site
pay a visit
natural wonder
World Heritage Site
unique
vary
variable
subtropical
considerably
frosty
sub-equatorial
humid
remainder
typhoon
monsoon
celebration
feast
family affairs
lunar calendar
exchange
acquaintance
recommend
mainland
accommodation
luxurious
untouched
paradise
float
turquoise
remote
stunning
resort
superb
getaway
local *n.*

fantastic
scuba diving
snorkelling
holy
festivities *pl.*
participate
mark
delighted
gear up
reunite
relative
temple
prosperity
trouble
upcoming
respect
respectful
grandparent
coexist
harsh
protect
citizen
regulation
majority
be surprised to
voluntarily
abide by
enforce
fine
innocent
victim
be designed for
industry
food processing
implement
enhance
construction
key industry
alter
dramatically
manufacturing
global
plastic
rubber
diversified
industrial
base

Chapter 8

Communication

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 8

Part 1 Questions

1. Who do you talk to the most in a day?
2. How do you keep in touch with your family and friends?
3. How do people in your country communicate with each other?
4. When was the first time you owned a mobile phone?
5. Do you often text message?

Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe your preferred form of communication.

   You should say:

   what it is
   why you use it
   how long you have been using it

   and why you prefer this method of communication.

2. Describe a mobile phone you have used/seen.

   You should say:

   who makes it
   what it is like
   how much it usually costs

   and what convenience mobile phones provide people.

Part 3 Questions

1. What is the most remarkable advantage of mobile phones?
2. How did people contact each other before the telephone was invented?
3. What inconvenience may the use of mobile phones cause?
4. Should the use of mobile phones be banned in public places?
5. What difficulties may arise when people communicate without being able to see each other, by telephone or e-mail for example?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. The way people ________ with each other ________ on their preferences.
2. He gives me good ________ about life and tries to be ________ of what I do.
3. I keep in ________ with my family and friends by ________ them.
4. I have ________ choice but to talk to them ________ the phone.
5. It ________ me a lot to talk to them on the ________.
6. ________ people have easy ________ to computers and the Internet.
7. The ________ time I owned a mobile phone was ________ I was in ________ school.
8. It is an ________ way to keep in touch ________ people.
9. I don't have to worry about ________ them directly ________ they are in the middle of something.
10. I have been using a phone for as ________ as I can ________.
11. It doesn't cost me anything ________ long ________ I have an Internet ________.
12. I can ________ to someone overseas without ________ cost.
13. The most remarkable ________ of the mobile phone is having access to a phone ________.
14. People had to ________ for a phone booth to ________ a call.
15. It was a hassle to ________ a payphone and also to get in ________ with the person.
16. People ________ each other by writing and ________ letters before the telephone was ________.
17. ________ has had to cope with loud ________ in such places at ________ once in their lifetime.
18. The ________ of mobile phones should be ________ in public places.
19. ________ the use of mobile phones will ________ too much ________ to the majority of people.
20. I always try to be ________ about ________ I say when I am ________ face to face with the person.

Answers

1. communicate, depends
2. advice, supportive
3. touch, calling
4. no, on
5. costs, phone
6. Some, access
7. first, when, high
8. effective, with
9. bothering, when
10. long, remember
11. as, as, connection
12. talk, extra
13. advantage, anywhere
14. look, make
15. find, touch
16. contacted, sending, invented
17. Everyone, conversations, least
18. use, banned
19. Banning, cause, inconvenience
20. careful, what, not

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I keep in touch with my family by calling them.**

Statement

(1) **you** You keep in touch with your family by calling them.
(2) **he** He keeps in touch with his family by calling them.
(3) **we** We ______________________________.
(4) **she** She ______________________________.
(5) **they** They ______________________________.

Question

(1) **you** Do you keep in touch with your family by calling them?
(2) **he** Does he keep in touch with his family by calling them?
(3) **we** ______________________________?
(4) **she** ______________________________?
(5) **they** ______________________________?

No Answer

(1) **I** No, I don't keep in touch with my family by calling them.

(2) **he** No, ______________________________.

(3) **we** No, ______________________________.

(4) **she** No, ______________________________.

(5) **they** No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) **I** Yes, I keep in touch with my family by calling them.

(2) **he** Yes, ______________________________.

(3) **we** Yes, ______________________________.

(4) **she** Yes, ______________________________.

(5) **they** Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **It is an effective way to keep in touch with people.**

Statement

It is an effective way to keep in touch with people.

Question

Is it an effective way to keep in touch with people?

No Answer

No, it isn't an effective way to keep in touch with people.

Yes Answer

Yes, it is an effective way to keep in touch with people.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. The way people communicate with each other depends on their free time.
2. My father tries to be supportive of what I do.
3. I keep in touch with my family by calling them.
4. I have no choice but to talk to them on the phone.
5. It costs me a lot to talk to them on the phone.
6. I have easy access to computers and the Internet.
7. The first time I owned a mobile phone was when I was in high school.
8. It is an effective way to keep in touch with people.
9. I don't have to worry about bothering them.
10. I have been using a phone for as long as I can remember.
11. It doesn't cost me anything as long as I have an Internet connection.

12. I can talk to someone overseas without extra cost.
13. The most remarkable advantage of the mobile phone is having access to a phone anywhere.
14. I had to look for a phone booth to make a call.
15. It is a hassle to find a payphone to make a call.
16. People contacted each other by sending letters before the telephone was invented.
17. I had to cope with loud conversations in public places.
18. The use of mobile phones should be banned in public places.
19. Banning the use of mobile phones will cause too much inconvenience.
20. I always try to be careful about what I say.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

Who do you talk to the most in a day?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I talk to my sister the most in a day. My sister and I get along very well, and we enjoy talking to each other very much. I talk to her on my mobile phone and also talk to her when I get home. We like talking about our jobs, schools, or about our boyfriends.

Advanced Answer

I usually talk to my father most of the day because we work together. Unlike other fathers, he is very generous and understanding, so I find it easy to talk to him. I tell him everything that happens around me, including my relationship with my girlfriend. He gives me good advice about life and tries to be supportive of what I do.

Question 2

How do you keep in touch with your family and friends?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I keep in touch with my family and friends by calling them. I am not into using computers or writing letters, so I have no choice but to talk to them on the phone. It costs me a lot but it's not too bad because I can hear their voices.

Advanced Answer

I usually keep in touch with my family on the phone. I'd rather talk to them in person, but it is very hard to get everyone together at the same place these days since our work hours are very different. I keep in touch with my friends by sending text messages from my mobile phone. It is not the most efficient way because text messages sometimes get lost during transmission. However, it is certainly the cheapest and the coolest way to connect to each other among young people.

Question 3

How do people in your country communicate with each other?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I think the way people in my country communicate with each other depends on their preferences. Some people have easy access to computers and the Internet, so they prefer using e-mails or instant messaging. Some prefer using the phone because it is fast and efficient. Others use text messaging to communicate with each other.

Advanced Answer

People in my country like text messaging because it's fun to use and quite cheap. They also like using the Internet to connect to each other. The most popular form of Internet communication among young Vietnamese people is the personal webpage called "Facebook". It's a place where you can become a member and write your own messages. People can visit your facebook address to look at the pictures you have uploaded and leave comments on them.

Question 4

When was the first time you owned a mobile phone?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I got my first mobile phone five years ago. Mobile phones started becoming very popular among Vietnamese people about seven years ago. They used to be very expensive back then, but nowadays, they are getting cheaper and have more functions.

Advanced Answer

The first time I owned a mobile phone was when I was in high school. My father gave it to me on my birthday. He told me that we live in a dangerous world and wanted me to have a phone for emergency situations. Thankfully, I have never had to use it in such situations, but it has brought such convenience to my life that I don't think I could live without it.

Question 5

Do you often text message?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

No, I don't. Text messaging is very hard for me because it is a new technology that I am not used to. My daughter uses it every day, though. She text messages her friends all day long, and sometimes I get very mad at her. I think text messaging is a cheap way to communicate with each other, but I am not very interested in it.

Advanced Answer

Yes. Text messaging in Vietnam is much cheaper than making a call, and so many young people enjoy that instead. I text message many people throughout the day because it is an effective way to keep in touch. I don't have to worry about bothering them directly when they are in the middle of something. The bad side is that it's not as reliable as making a call because text messages often get lost in progress.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe your preferred form of communication.

You should say:

what it is
why you use it
how long you have been using it

and why you prefer this method of communication.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like talking on the phone. I use it every day to say hello to my family and my best friends and to hear their voices. I have been using a phone as long as I can remember. I like using the phone because it is very fast and convenient.

Advanced Answer

My preferred form of communication is instant messaging. I was first introduced to it when I was in college, and I have been using it almost every day. I use it to talk to my friends who are online or to make an online call to my family. I like this method because it doesn't cost me anything as long as I have an Internet connection, and I can talk to someone overseas at no extra cost.

Topic Card 2

Describe a mobile phone you have used/seen.

You should say:

who makes it
what it is like
how much it usually costs

and what convenience mobile phones provide people.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Two years ago, I had a slim black phone by Motorola. It didn't cost me anything because the phone company gave it to me for free. It usually costs about $300, so I was very happy that I didn't have to pay any money. People use mobile phones every day for many reasons. They take care of their business or talk to their family members on the phone.

Advanced Answer

I have been using a mobile phone from Samsung for a year now. It is a silver phone with many features such as a phone camera, games, and an MP3 player. When I purchased the phone, I paid about 6 million VND, which is about 300 US dollars. It was a bit expensive for a mobile phone, but I have been very satisfied with it. Mobile phones are very important in people's lives nowadays and have made their lives convenient. People communicate with each other more often these days and have been staying close to each other.

Part 3

Question 1

What is the most remarkable advantage of mobile phones?

Suggested input

contact friends and family anywhere and any time, not miss important calls, use it for emergencies or in need of help, take photos to capture memories, connect the Internet and check emails, SMSes are very convenient

Personal Answer

Model Answer

The most remarkable advantage of mobile phones is having access to a phone anywhere. Before the invention of mobile phones, people had to look for a phone booth to make a call while they were on the road. It was a hassle to find a payphone and also to get in touch with the person. Mobile phones have changed everything. You can talk to your friends or run errands while you are on the go.

Question 2

How did people contact each other before the telephone was invented?

Suggested input

letters, telegrams, urgent messages, invention of telephones

Personal Answer

Model Answer

People contacted each other by writing and sending letters before the telephone was invented. They also used telegrams to send urgent messages. Those two forms of communication have almost disappeared since the invention of telephones. Communicating before the invention of the telephone was very difficult and took a very long time.

Question 3

What inconvenience may the use of mobile phones cause?

Suggested input

not used with proper etiquette, discomfort, loud conversations, ringing tones cause disturbance, people use bluetooth and the camera in bad ways, get busy with cell phones even when important events are going on, limit face-to-face time with friends and family

Personal Answer

Model Answer

When a mobile phone is not used with proper etiquette, it can cause discomfort to people around the user. There are a large number of people using mobile phones everywhere on the streets, in shops and restaurants, or on public transportation. I am certain that everyone has suffered from and has coped with a loud conversation in such places at least once in their lifetime.

Question 4

Should the use of mobile phones be banned in public places?

Suggested input

banning, inconvenient, considerate, abide by mobile etiquette, a ban on mobile phones in public areas would be meaningless, raise awareness of using it

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I don't think that the use of mobile phones should be banned in public places because too many people rely on mobile phones these days. Banning the use of mobile phones will be too inconvenient for the majority of people. Moreover, what good is a mobile phone when it can't be used in public places? Instead of banning the use of it, I think that the mobile users should be considerate and respect others by abiding by mobile etiquette.

Question 5

What difficulties may arise when people communicate without being able to see each other, by telephone or e-mail for example?

Suggested input

misunderstand, unreliable messages / phone calls, lack of facial expression / personal or human touch

Personal Answer

Model Answer

People can easily misunderstand one another when they can't see each other while talking because the meanings of words can change depending on the situation. For instance, I once was talking to a friend using an instant messenger. I made a joke to him and suddenly he became angry with me for being rude. He simply misunderstood me because he wasn't able to see my facial expression. From then on, I always try to be careful about what I say when I am not face to face with the person.

More Questions

1. Do you think telecommunications companies in your country or in your host country are charging unreasonable fees for the mobile phone service they provide?

   Personal Answer

2. How do people in your country communicate with authorities in emergency situations?

   Personal Answer

3. When should children be allowed to own a cellular phone?

   Personal Answer

4. What is your opinion on Internet chat rooms?

   Personal Answer

5. In what ways will technology affect how people communicate in the future?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

get along
generous
be supportive of
keep in touch
be into
have no choice but to
would rather
in person
efficient
get lost
transmission
cool
communicate
depend on
preference
have easy access to
upload
function
dangerous
emergency
thankfully
convenience
text message
be used to
though
all day long
mad
be interested in
make a call
instead
throughout
in the middle of
reliable
as long as
preferred
cost *n., v.*

for free
feature
purchase
be satisfied with
remarkable
have access to
phone booth
hassle
payphone (= pay telephone)
run errands
cf. errands
be on the go
telegram
urgent
invention
inconvenience
proper
etiquette
discomfort
suffer from
cope with
ban
rely on
majority
moreover
what good is
cf. good
considerate
abide by
arise
misunderstand
make a joke
rude
facial
face to face

Chapter 9

People

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 9

Part 1 Questions

1. Do you like meeting new people?
2. Do you want to become famous?
3. Do you have many friends? Are they casual acquaintances or close friends?
4. Is it hard to make friends in your country?
5. Do you often spend time with friends?

Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe someone you admire.

   You should say:

   how you knew / heard about this person
   what this person is like
   what is special about this person

   and why you admire this person.

2. Describe an old person you know.

   You should say:

   who it is
   how you know this person
   what this person is like

   and why this person is special to you.

Part 3 Questions

1. How do old people enjoy their lives these days?
2. Why are friends important?
3. What kind of people do young people in your country generally admire now?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being famous?
5. How do you make guests feel welcome?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. I dread ________ these kinds of people, but ________ I am a ________ person.
2. I can ________ a large amount of money to a ________ organization so that people can be encouraged to do the same.
3. I am looking ________ to meeting more people ________ different countries with different cultures.
4. It is very ________ to make friends in my country ________ everyone ________ to be busy.
5. People seem to ________ not to be ________ with others.
6. You will find it ________ to get ________ with them.
7. I don't get to ________ time with my friends ________.
8. I spend ________ with my friends often by going ________ with them after ________.
9. He ________ his entire life to the ________ of our country.
10. I think he was ________ of the best presidents in the ________ of our country.
11. The person I ________ the most ________ my father.
12. She had to ________ care of her seven children all by ________.
13. I am very ________ to have ________ a wonderful grandmother.
14. They usually take joy in ________ after their ________.
15. You can ________ the joy and the ________ of your life with each other.
16. ________ make a lot of money by ________ on TV.
17. Some celebrities have a bad ________ on the ________ people of my country.
18. The main ________ of being famous is being able to ________ a lot of money.
19. I ________ my best to ________ necessary things to them.
20. I ________ how hard it is to be a ________ at someone else's home.

Answers

1. meeting, usually, sociable
2. donate, charity
3. forward, from
4. hard, because, seems
5. prefer, concerned
6. easy, along
7. spend, often
8. time, out, work
9. contributed, development
10. one, history
11. admire, is
12. take, herself
13. proud, such
14. looking, grandchildren
15. share, sorrow
16. Celebrities, appearing
17. influence, young
18. advantage, make
19. try, provide
20. understand, guest

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I dread meeting these kinds of people.**

Statement

(1) **you** You dread meeting these kinds of people.
(2) **he** He dreads meeting these kinds of people.
(3) **we** We ______________________________.
(4) **she** She ______________________________.
(5) **they** They ______________________________.

Question

(1) **you** Do you dread meeting these kinds of people?
(2) **he** Does he dread meeting these kinds of people?
(3) **we** ______________________________?
(4) **she** ______________________________?
(5) **they** ______________________________?

No Answer

(1) I No, I don't dread meeting these kinds of people.

(2) he No, ______.

(3) we No, ______.

(4) she No, ______.

(5) they No, ______.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, I dread meeting these kinds of people.

(2) he Yes, ______.

(3) we Yes, ______.

(4) she Yes, ______.

(5) they Yes, ______.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **Celebrities make a lot of money by appearing on TV.**

Statement

Celebrities make a lot of money by appearing on TV.

Question

Do celebrities make a lot of money by appearing on TV?

No Answer

No, celebrities don't make a lot of money by appearing on TV.

Yes Answer

Yes, celebrities make a lot of money by appearing on TV.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ Notes

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. I dread meeting these kinds of people.
2. I can donate a large amount of money to a charity organization.
3. I am looking forward to meeting more people from different countries with different cultures.
4. It is very hard to make friends in my country.
5. I am always concerned with my mother.
6. I find it easy to get along with my brother.
7. I don't get to spend time with my friends often.
8. I spend time with my friends by going out with them after work.
9. I contributed my entire life to the development of my country.
10. He is one of the best presidents in the history of our country.
11. The person I admire the most is my father.

12. I had to take care of my seven children all by myself.
13. I am very proud to have such a wonderful grandmother.
14. I usually take joy in looking after my grandparents.
15. I can share the joy and the sorrow of my life with my friends.
16. Celebrities make a lot of money by appearing on TV.
17. Some celebrities have a bad influence on the young people of my country.
18. The main advantage of being famous is being able to make a lot of money.
19. I try my best to provide necessary things to them.
20. I understand how hard it is to be a guest at someone else's home.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

Do you like meeting new people?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes, I like meeting new people very much. Getting to know new people is very exciting because everyone has different personalities and preferences. I learn many things by meeting new people, and that's why I like it.

Advanced Answer

I meet new people every day because I am a hairdresser. I usually enjoy meeting them, but sometimes it can be energy consuming because there are many strange people out there. The other day, one of my customers started yelling at me for suggesting a different hairstyle. I was considering the condition of her hair, which was very damaged, and decided that it was not wise for her to have it permed. When I told her about my opinion, she got very offended and told me that I was rude. I dread meeting these kinds of people, but usually I am a sociable person.

Question 2

Do you want to become famous?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Definitely. I would like to become famous because I could use my fame and money for a good cause. For example, I could donate a large amount of money to a charity organization and encourage others to do the same. I could also participate in campaigns for saving young adults from drug and alcohol abuse.

Advanced Answer

Not really, because I greatly value my privacy. There are many famous people whose personal lives are revealed to the public and are criticized harshly for what they have or have not done. It is a consequence of their fame, but in my opinion, one's life should be kept private. That's why becoming famous doesn't interest me at all.

Question 3

Do you have many friends? Are they casual acquaintances or close friends?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I'm quite new to the area I live in. I moved here from overseas, so I don't have many friends yet. I have a few friends from my class who I spend time talking to, but that's about it. I am looking forward to meeting more people from different countries with different cultures.

Advanced Answer

I have many casual acquaintances because I have lived in my home town for many years, but I have only a few good friends who I keep in touch with on a regular basis. I keep in touch with my acquaintances once in a while, but I call my good friends almost every week to see how they are doing.

Question 4

Is it hard to make friends in your country?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I think it is very hard to make friends in my country because everyone seems to be busy. Nowadays, we don't even know who our neighbors are because we are living in an individualistic society. People do not want to be concerned with others nor be a concern to others.

Advanced Answer

It may seem hard to make friends in my country at first because everyone is occupied with their own lives. Vietnamese people are also shy at first, which makes it hard for people to get to know each other. However, once you get to know them, you will find it easy to get along with them because Vietnamese people are very hospitable and helpful towards people they care about.

Question 5

Do you often spend time with friends?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I work very long hours, so I don't get to spend time with my friends often. I meet them only once a month because I work on most weekends. When I meet them, we usually have a meal together so that we can catch up with our lives. We also enjoy having a couple of beers and relaxing.

Advanced Answer

Yes, I do. I spend time with my friends often by going out with them after work. We meet for a couple of beers or for dinner. There are a few restaurants and pubs that we always go to, so the owners of those places give us free drinks and food sometimes. We see each other twice a week, but when there is a special occasion such as someone's birthday or wedding, we see each other more often. I once ended up meeting my friends every day of that week because of my birthday, my friend's birthday, and another friend's graduation party. I love spending time with my friends because they are always supportive of me.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe someone you admire.

You should say:

how you knew/heard about this person
what this person is like
what is special about this person

and why you admire this person.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

The person I admire the most is my father. He is a very loving father who tries to put himself in our shoes and understand us. Ever since we were young, my father has spent a lot of time connecting with us so that we don't yield to the temptation of smoking or drinking. Unlike my mother, he has never been strict with us at all, so he's always been a good friend to my brothers and me. I hope to be a father like him someday.

Advanced Answer

I admire Ho Chi Minh, a great Vietnamese leader. Ho Chi Minh was not only the founder of Vietnamese communism but also the very soul of the revolution and of Vietnam's struggle for independence. He had strong ideals, an unyielding will, and a brilliant mind. He paid special attention to the people and also had a close link with them. All these characteristics helped Ho Chi Minh make the right

decisions to cope with complicated changes to many different situations and successfully carry out Vietnam's revolutionary cause despite numerous difficulties. Ho Chi Minh's simplicity, integrity, and determination were widely admired, not only within Vietnam but elsewhere as well. I love and respect these personal qualities of this beloved leader.

Topic Card 2

Describe an old person you know.

You should say:

who it is
how you know this person
what this person is like

and why this person is special to you.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I will tell you about my grandmother. She is my maternal grandmother. She is 90 years old but is very healthy. She lives alone and takes care of the housework by herself. My aunts and uncles want her to live with them, but she refuses to do so because she is a very independent woman. Her husband, my grandfather, passed away when she was very young, so she had to take care of her seven children all by herself. She is very diligent and wise, and I learn a lot from her. She is very special because she is a good role model for everyone.

Advanced Answer

I would like to tell you about my maternal grandmother, who is 90 years old. She lives alone at a house nearby my apartment. She is a very healthy and diligent lady, and takes care of the housework all by herself. My aunts and uncles have been asking her to move in with them, but she refuses to do so because she is very independent and hates to be a burden for her children. My grandfather passed away a long time ago during the Vietnam War, may his soul rest in peace, and my grandmother took care of her seven children all by herself. She sometimes tells me stories about her life, especially about her life during the Vietnam War and after her husband's death, and I always find her stories very interesting. She has been a good role model, and I am very proud to have such a wonderful grandmother.

Part 3

Question 1

How do old people enjoy their lives these days?

Suggested input

the elderly, spare time, look after grandchildren, communicate with children, aged intellectuals spend time reading news/checking mails on the Internet, exercise outdoors with friends, gather with old friends, take a walk in the park, browse photo albums for treasured memories

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Old people have a lot of spare time and they usually take joy in looking after their grandchildren. In Vietnam, there are many parks where the elderly can hang out. They enjoy talking to each other about their children and grandchildren or enjoy watching TV. They also play card games or board games.

Question 2

Why are friends important?

Suggested input

good listeners, share joys and sorrows, for socializing, friends make our life interesting and wonderful, receive support and help, supportive, share burden/ideas/experience in life

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Friends are important because you can share the joys and the sorrows of your life with each other. When my friends bring good news to me, I am happy for them, and when they share their sorrow, I try to be supportive and share their burden. True friends are always there for you, so that's why friends are important.

Question 3

What kind of people do young people in your country generally admire now?

Suggested input

celebrities, admirable, set a good / bad example, have a negative / positive influence on

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Young people in my country generally admire celebrities because of their looks and wealth. Celebrities make a lot of money by appearing on TV or in movies, and most of them try to be good role models for the young generation of our country. Although they are usually admirable, some of the celebrities have a bad influence on the young people of my country because they set a bad example with their personal lives, such as having divorces, living extravagantly, and having plastic surgery.

Question 4

What are the advantages and disadvantages of being famous?

Suggested input

Advantages

usually very rich, have easier life than other people, use fame to make money, live in beautiful houses, not have to worry about paying bills, can afford the best clothes and drive the latest models of fast cars, spend their holidays in expensive resorts, get the best hotel rooms and the most efficient service, be known by everyone, be invited to the best parties and meet other celebrities

Disadvantages

have no privacy, being recognised by everyone in the street can be annoying, paparazzi try to photograph them all the time, people stop them in the street asking for an autograph, worry about own safety and the safety of family

Personal Answer

Model Answer

The main advantage of being famous is being able to make a lot of money. Many celebrities use their fame to develop their businesses and it is an effective way to enlarge their companies. Another advantage is that people look up to you because you are famous, and they try to resemble you. I am not famous, but I am sure it is probably one of the greatest feelings that a person can have. However, there are disadvantages as well. Famous people usually have no privacy because people will easily recognize them in public places, so they have to watch out for their behavior. If I became a famous celebrity, I would be followed by many paparazzi practically anywhere and anytime, which can be very nerve-wracking.

Question 5

How do you make guests feel welcome?

Suggested input

be prepared before guests arrive, provide necessary things, make them feel at home, treat them with respect, enjoy the time while they are here, not take things so serious, be polite, calm and balanced in talks, not make any fuss, dress up nicely and comfortably, prepare some good dishes, give some useful and nice gifts, keep smiling

Personal Answer

Model Answer

When I have guests over, I try my best to provide necessary things to them. I ask them what kind of food they like and also what things they need during their stay. I myself have been a guest many times, so I understand how hard it is to be a guest at someone else's home. Sometimes, I'm put in a situation where I have to put up with rude guests, but usually, my guests are appreciative of what I do for them, so I enjoy having guests at my house.

More Questions

1. How do you deal with a difficult classmate / colleague / boss?

   Personal Answer

2. Do you think colleagues should be friends?

   Personal Answer

3. What do you think is the most important quality in a person?

   Personal Answer

4. What quality is necessary in a person to do well in a group?

   Personal Answer

5. What quality do you dislike in a person?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

get to know
preference
hairdresser
energy consuming
the other day
yell at
suggest
perm (= permanent wave)
cf. get one's hair permed, perm one's hair
offend
dread
sociable
fame
donate
charity
encourage
campaign
abuse *n., v.*
privacy
criticize
harshly
consequence
private
at all
casual
acquaintance
overseas
spend time V-ing
that's about it
be looking forward to V-ing
on a regular basis
individualistic
be concerned with
be a concern to
be occupied with
get along with
hospitable
catch up with
end up V-ing
be supportive of
admire
leader
founder
communism
soul
revolution
ideal
unyielding
will
characteristic
simplicity
integrity
determination
beloved
yield to
temptation
maternal
refuse
pass away
diligent
role model
be a burden for somebody
may one's soul rest in peace
proud to
take joy in
hang out
sorrow
burden
celebrity
looks *pl.*

wealth	resemble
appear	recognize
admirable	watch out for
have a bad influence on	paparazzi *pl.*
set an example	practically
divorce	nerve-wracking
extravagantly	make a person feel welcome
plastic surgery	try one's best
enlarge	put up with
look up to	be appreciative of

Chapter 10

Environment

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 10

Part 1 Questions

1. Do you use a lot of water, electricity, or gas?
2. Do you recycle?
3. How is the air quality in your area?
4. Does your country enforce recycling regulations?
5. Are you satisfied with the environment you are living in at the moment?

Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe an example of serious pollution.

   You should say:

   where it is
   what made you notice it
   what causes such pollution
   what makes you think it is serious

   and what can be done to solve this problem.

2. Describe a place you have visited with no air pollution.

   You should say:

   where it is
   when you were there
   what you saw there
   why there is no air pollution

   and what you liked about that place.

Part 3 Questions

1. Are there any ways that you personally can contribute to improving the environment?
2. What are some reasons that rainforests are being destroyed?
3. What do you think the consequences of global warming will be?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having nuclear power stations?
5. What can we do to stop people from wasting useful sources such as water, electricity, or gas?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. I enjoy taking a ________ three times a ________.
2. I am very concerned ________ environmental ________ these days.
3. I wish the ________ would enforce stricter ________ on citizens soon.
4. The air ________ in my town is not too ________.
5. They ________ about the unpleasant ________ of the air.
6. We have ________ on separating our ________ before it is thrown away.
7. The Korean government is enforcing laws on ________ by encouraging citizens to ________ their garbage according to the material.
8. We can ________ this problem by limiting ________ vehicles and encouraging public ________.
9. People in Seoul have been ________ from a new type of air ________.
10. It is a helpless ________ since it is a natural ________.
11. The government is trying to solve this problem by ________ trees in those ________ areas.
12. The ________ ground was ________ by many tall trees and beautiful ________ flowers.
13. It was so ________ from any city that its ________ beauty wasn't disturbed.
14. It was a new ________ for me to be so close to ________.
15. You can ________ down on the use of ________, water and gas to save ________.
16. There are many ________ that you can do to contribute to ________ the environment.
17. One reason why rainforests are ________ would be ________.
18. A large ________ of money is required in order to build a ________ power station.
19. The ________ effective way to ________ people from wasting such useful resources is creating ________ public advertisements and campaigns.
20. You can ________ the different types of ________ to educate people.

Answers

1. bath, week
2. about, issues
3. government, regulations
4. quality, bad
5. complain, smell
6. laws, garbage
7. recycling, separate
8. solve, private, transportation
9. suffering, pollution
10. situation, phenomenon
11. planting, desert
12. camping, surrounded, wild
13. far, natural
14. experience, nature
15. cut, electricity, energy
16. things, improving
17. destroyed, overpopulation
18. amount, nuclear
19. most, stop, educational
20. use, media

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I enjoy taking a bath three times a week.**

Statement

(1) **you** You enjoy taking a bath three times a week.
(2) **he** He enjoys taking a bath three times a week.
(3) **we** We ______________________________.
(4) **she** She ______________________________.
(5) **they** They ______________________________.

Question

(1) **you** Do you enjoy taking a bath three times a week?
(2) **he** Does he enjoy taking a bath three times a week?
(3) **we** ______________________________?
(4) **she** ______________________________?
(5) **they** ______________________________?

No Answer

(1) I No, I don't enjoy taking a bath three times a week.

(2) he No, ______________________________.

(3) we No, ______________________________.

(4) she No, ______________________________.

(5) they No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, I enjoy taking a bath three times a week.

(2) he Yes, ______________________________.

(3) we Yes, ______________________________.

(4) she Yes, ______________________________.

(5) they Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **The camping ground was surrounded by many tall trees and flowers.**

Statement

The camping ground was surrounded by many tall trees and flowers.

Question

Was the camping ground surrounded by many tall trees and flowers?

No Answer

No, the camping ground wasn't surrounded by many tall trees and flowers.

Yes Answer

Yes, the camping ground was surrounded by many tall trees and flowers.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. I enjoy taking a bath three times a week.
2. I am very concerned about environmental issues these days.
3. I wish the government would enforce stricter regulations on citizens soon.
4. The air quality in my town is too bad.
5. They complain about the unpleasant smell of the air.
6. We have laws on separating our garbage before it is thrown away.
7. The government is encouraging citizens to separate their garbage according to the material.
8. We can solve this problem by limiting private vehicles and encouraging public transportation.
9. I have been suffering from a new type of air pollution.
10. It is a helpless situation since it is a natural phenomenon.
11. I am trying to solve this problem by planting trees.

12. The camping ground was surrounded by many tall trees and flowers.
13. It is so far from any city that its natural beauty isn't disturbed.
14. It is a new experience for me to be so close to nature.
15. You can cut down on the use of electricity to save energy.
16. There are many things that you can do to improve the environment.
17. One reason why rainforests are destroyed would be overpopulation.
18. A large amount of money is required in order to build a nuclear power station.
19. The most effective way to stop people from wasting such useful resources is running campaigns.
20. You can use the different types of media to educate people.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

Do you use a lot of water, electricity, or gas?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I think I use more electricity, water, and gas than other people my age. I take a shower every morning, and I also enjoy taking a bath three times a week. I blow-dry my hair every day so as not to catch a cold. I cannot stand cold temperatures, so I usually keep my place warm.

Advanced Answer

I am very concerned about environmental issues these days, so I try to reduce my use of water, electricity, and gas. For example, I use less shampoo and soap so that I don't need an excessive amount of water. I also take a shower every other day and take one in the evening so that I have plenty of time to dry my hair, which can save a lot of electricity. In addition, I usually cook less or boil less and eat fresh vegetables so that I do not use much gas.

Question 2

Do you recycle?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Of course. The majority of products these days have plastic or glass packaging, which can produce an extreme amount of waste. Before I throw a container in the garbage, I always check the recycle symbol at the back of the product and sort it accordingly. I have a garbage can available with different compartments, so it's very easy to recycle.

Advanced Answer

I should recycle, but I don't at the moment. Recycling in my country is very meaningless because the government gathers the different types of waste altogether for the final disposal. I wish that the government would enforce stricter regulations on citizens soon.

Question 3

How is the air quality in your area?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I think that the air quality in my town is not too bad, but my friends who have been studying abroad tell me that it is very poor. When they come to visit, they complain about the unpleasant smell of the air and about their white clothes getting dirty fast. I have never noticed such problems because I have never been to another country.

Advanced Answer

Like other big cities, the air quality in Ho Chi Minh City is quite poor. The air pollution in the city is overwhelmingly due to motor vehicles. The vehicles currently use mainly leaded petrol. Besides motor vehicles, industrial sources in the city and surrounding areas are also contributing to the air pollution problem, especially in the residential areas around these sources.

Question 4

Does your country enforce recycling regulations?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Recently, we have been encouraged to separate our garbage before it is thrown away. However, recycling still remains a major challenge, and not many Vietnamese people are fully aware of this.

Advanced Answer

Our country has responded to recycling with a sound legal framework, especially in major cities. However, achieving the goal of separating household garbage before throwing it still remains a major challenge, requiring concerted efforts by the government, industries, hospitals, solid waste operators, and individuals.

Question 5

Are you satisfied with the environment you are living in at the moment?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I love living in a big city because it is very convenient, but I don't like the quality of the air. There are many motorbikes and cars on the street and they cause air pollution. They are also very noisy, so I want to move to a cleaner and quieter place.

Advanced Answer

I am OK with the environment I am living in most of the time, but sometimes I wish I was living in the countryside. I used to live in a suburb where a herd of buffalo paid a visit to our back-yard in the early mornings or in the late afternoons. I miss living in harmony with nature sometimes because I live in the centre of a big city with air pollution and too much noise.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe an example of serious pollution.

You should say:

where it is
what made you notice it
what causes such pollution
what makes you think it is serious

and what can be done to solve this problem.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Many people own cars in my town, and they are causing air pollution. People notice it when wearing white clothes. They find them dirty at the end of the day. Also, when they blow their nose, a lot of dirt comes out of it. We can solve this problem by limiting private vehicles and encouraging public transportation instead.

Advanced Answer

An example of serious pollution in South Vietnam is Ba Bo Canal, the section between Thu Duc District and Thuan An District of Binh Duong Province. This canal is facing worsened conditions of water pollution, with untreated waste water flowing from industrial zones in the province. We noticed foul-smelling black colored water frothing along the water surface. Filthy household waste was also found blocking the water flow. Most serious was the fact that most people living around the canal were using this same water from wells in the area as tap water was still not available for daily chores. According to the Binh Duong authority, a collaborative project must be undertaken to improve the quality of water at polluted Ba Bo Canal and collect untreated urban waste water in Thuan An town.

Topic Card 2

Describe a place you have visited with no air pollution.

You should say:

- where it is
- when you were there
- what you saw there
- why there is no air pollution

and what you liked about that place.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I went camping with my family last year. We went to the mountains and camped out there for three days. There were many trees and flowers. It was very beautiful. There was also a lake, and we went fishing there. We caught some fish and cooked them for dinner. I liked it there very much because it was very far from any cities, and there was no sound of cars or people. It was very peaceful.

Advanced Answer

When I was in my early twenties, I went camping with my friends in the Rocky Mountains. We drove up the hills for about four hours to a small town called Evergreen Springs. The camping ground where we pitched our tents was surrounded by many tall trees and beautiful wild flowers. At night, we were able to hear sounds of wild animals around us, which was quite amazing. We were a bit scared that bears might attack us, though. We found a lake nearby in the morning where we went fishing. We caught many trout and crawfish and cooked them up for our dinner. The air and the water were very clean because it was so far from a city that its natural beauty wasn't disturbed. I loved it there because it was a new experience for me to be so close to nature. My friends and I have been going back there every summer ever since.

Part 3

Question 1

Are there any ways that you personally can contribute to improving the environment?

Suggested input

environmental activist, save energy, emphasise recycling, improve the environment, plant trees in neighborhood/front or back yard, use a bicycle or walk to do errands or to commute to work rather than a car/motorcycle, save water, use less air conditioning, use renewable energy at home and at work

Personal Answer

Model Answer

My mother is an environmental activist and she always emphasises recycling. For instance, you can cut an old pair of rubber gloves with a pair of scissors to use them as rubber bands. You can also cut down on the use of electricity, water, and gas to save energy. You can also save many trees by recycling paper. There are many things that you can do to contribute to improving the environment, if you look hard enough.

Question 2

What are some reasons that rainforests are being destroyed?

Suggested input

rainforests are being destroyed, overpopulation, humans are the main cause of rainforest destruction, cut down rainforests for many reasons, including wood for both timber and making fires, agriculture for both small and large farms, grazing land for cattle, pulp for making paper, road construction, extraction of minerals and energy, rainforests are also threatened by climate change, human activities are contributing to climate change

Personal Answer

Model Answer

One reason why rainforests are being destroyed would be overpopulation. There are about 7 billion people living on the surface of the Earth, which reduces living space. Therefore, people are deforesting mountains to build new cities and houses. 400,000 square kilometers of the Amazon Basin have already been deforested.

Question 3

What do you think the consequences of global warming will be?

Suggested input

Global warming affects:

- **Weather:** Warmer temperatures could increase the probability of drought. Warmer temperatures increase the energy of the climatic system and can lead to heavier rainfall in some areas.
- **Health:** Global warming could increase smog pollution in some areas and intensify pollen allergies and asthma.
- **Ecosystem:** Increasing global temperatures are expected to disrupt ecosystems, pushing species that cannot adapt to extinction.
- **Sea level rising:** Rising global temperatures will speed the melting of glaciers and ice caps and cause early ice thaw on rivers and lakes.

Personal Answer

Model Answer

The most serious consequence of global warming would be the sea level rising because the glaciers in Greenland are melting. For the past 100 years, the sea level has risen approximately 23 centimeters, and the glaciers are melting about 2 meters every year due to warmer weather. That is 50 billion tons of water being added to the sea. Not only will our living space be reduced, but the ecosystem of the Earth will also be destroyed.

Question 4

What are the advantages and disadvantages of having nuclear power stations?

Suggested input

Advantages

- not require expensive fuel (A large amount of energy is generated from a very small amount of fuel.)
- not produce hazardous gases (Nuclear power does not produce carbon dioxide or sulfur dioxide.)
- not be a threat to ecosystem (Nuclear power stations do not contribute to global warming or acid rain.)

Disadvantages

- disposing the waste (Poisonous waste is produced, some of which is highly radioactive; Careless disposal of waste in the past has led to pollution of land, rivers and the ocean.)
- very expensive to build power stations
- risk of illnesses

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Unlike other types of power stations, nuclear power stations do not require expensive fuel. In addition, nuclear power doesn't produce hazardous gases such as carbon dioxide, so it will not be a threat to our ecosystem. However, there are some disadvantages. A large amount of money is required to build a nuclear power station. Disposing of the waste is also difficult because there is a risk of illnesses or even death caused by exposure to large amounts of radiation.

Question 5

What can we do to stop people from wasting useful sources such as water, electricity, or gas?

Suggested input

public advertisements, campaigns, natural resources, different types of media

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I think the most effective way to stop people from wasting such useful resources is creating educational public advertisements and campaigns so that people become aware of the importance of natural resources. You can use different types of media to educate people, which can be very successful.

More Questions

1. Do you think that environmental pollution will still exist in the future?

   Personal Answer

2. How can pollution be reduced?

   Personal Answer

3. Do you think that stopping global warming is solely up to the government?

   Personal Answer

4. How will global warming affect your country in the future?

   Personal Answer

5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using plastic goods?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

take a shower
take a bath
blow-dry
cannot stand
be concerned about
environmental
reduce
excessive
packaging
extreme
container
symbol
accordingly
compartment
meaningless
disposal
enforce
regulation
unpleasant
overwhelmingly
motor vehicle
currently
leaded
petrol
residential
encourage
garbage
challenge *n.*
be aware of
legal
framework
concerted
solid waste
be satisfied with
suburb

herd
cf. a herd of
pay a visit
backyard
in harmony with
worsened
condition
untreated
foul-smelling
froth
block
well *n.*
chore
authority
collaborative
undertake
pitch a tent
attack
trout
crawfish
disturb
contribute to
activist
emphasise
scissors
cut down on
look hard
rainforest
overpopulation
surface
deforest
square
basin
consequence
glacier

approximately	exposure
ecosystem	radiation
nuclear	resource
power station	advertisement
require	campaign
carbon dioxide	aware of
dispose	media
risk	

Chapter 11

Animals / Pets

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 11

Part 1 Questions

1. Do you like animals?
2. What kind of animals do you like?
3. Do you own a pet?
4. What kind of animals do people in your region like to own as a pet?
5. What kind of animals do you hate?

Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe an animal or pet that you have owned.

   You should say:

   what kind of animal it was
   where you got it
   how you looked after it

   and why it was important to you.

2. Describe a wild animal that can be found in your country.

   You should say:

   where it can be found
   what it looks like
   what you like or dislike about it

   and how people treat wild animals in your country.

Part 3 Questions

1. Would you describe your country as an animal-loving country?
2. Can you name a few endangered wild animals in your country?
3. Do you believe in animal rights?
4. What do you think are the benefits of keeping animals in a zoo?
5. Do you think pets play an important role in a family? Why or why not?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. I don't like ________ very much because they ________ a lot of germs.
2. Ever since I was a little ________, I have been a big fan of ________.
3. I still ________ many documentaries on TV to keep up with ________ on them.
4. I grew up ________ about amazing stories of ________ dogs.
5. It's the way ________ is supposed to ________.
6. They are so ________ when they are ________ with each other with their big ________.
7. I am going to ________ until I have a house with a garden to ________ a dog.
8. People in my ________ like small dogs because they are cute and easy to ________ care ________.
9. Pets play an important ________ in a family ________ to the past.
10. I can't stand to look at the ________ of the hunting of vicious ________.
11. I took care of ________ by ________ him lettuce, carrots, and apples.
12. He was a very important ________ for me because he was my ________ pet.
13. We ________ him in our backyard and held a burial ________ for him.
14. I took good care of him and ________ him to do many tricks by attracting him with treats for ________.
15. People who ________ my place were very ________ to see him doing ________.
16. People didn't ________ to care about wild animals in the ________.
17. There are more people who pay ________ to the well-being of wild animals ________.
18. Korean people have been ________ by others for ________ dog meat.
19. There are also many poachers who ________ kill wild or endangered animals to make a ________.
20. They don't have a ________ place to live in, and clean air to ________.

Answers

1. animals, carry
2. boy, animals
3. watch, information
4. hearing, loyal
5. nature, be
6. cute, playing, paws
7. wait, own
8. region, take, of
9. role, compared
10. victims, reptiles
11. him, feeding
12. pet, first
13. buried, service
14. trained, rabbits
15. visited, amazed, tricks
16. seem, past
17. attention, nowadays
18. criticized, eating
19. illegally, profit
20. clean, breathe

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I have been a big fan of animals.**

Statement

(1) **you** You have been a big fan of animals.
(2) **he** He has been a big fan of animals.
(3) **we** We ________________________________.
(4) **she** She ________________________________.
(5) **they** They ________________________________.

Question

(1) **you** Have you been a big fan of animals?
(2) **he** Has he been a big fan of animals?
(3) **we** ________________________________?
(4) **she** ________________________________?
(5) **they** ________________________________?

No Answer

(1) I No, I haven't been a big fan of animals.

(2) he No, ______________________.

(3) we No, ______________________.

(4) she No, ______________________.

(5) they No, ______________________.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, I have been a big fan of animals.

(2) he Yes, ______________________.

(3) we Yes, ______________________.

(4) she Yes, ______________________.

(5) they Yes, ______________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **It's the way nature is supposed to be.**

Statement

It's the way nature is supposed to be.

Question

Is it the way nature is supposed to be?

No Answer

No, it isn't the way nature is supposed to be.

Yes Answer

Yes, it is the way nature is supposed to be.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. I don't like animals very much because they are noisy.
2. I have been a big fan of animals.
3. I try to keep up with information on TV.
4. I grew up hearing about amazing stories of dogs.
5. It's the way nature is supposed to be.
6. My nephew is so cute when he is smiling at me.
7. I am going to wait until I have a house with a garden.
8. People in my region like small dogs because they are easy to take care of.
9. Pets play an important role in a family compared to the past.
10. I can't stand to look at the victims of the disaster.
11. I took care of him by feeding him lettuce.

12. He was a very important pet for me because he was my first pet.
13. I buried him in my backyard and held a burial service for him.
14. I took good care of my pet and trained him to do many tricks.
15. I was very amazed to see the monkey doing tricks.
16. He didn't seem to care about wild animals.
17. I pay attention to the well-being of wild animals.
18. He has been criticized by others for eating dog meat.
19. There are many poachers who illegally kill wild animals to make a profit.
20. I don't have a clean place to live in and clean air to breathe.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

Do you like animals?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

No. I don't like animals very much because they carry a lot of germs. I am a bit of a clean freak, so I keep my place spotless. Animals are cute, but scientific studies prove that they carry diseases, which is very scary.

Advanced Answer

Ever since I was a little girl, I have been a big fan of animals. In fact, my dream was to become an animal trainer so that I could learn more about them and learn how to take care of them. Obviously, I didn't achieve my dream, but I still watch many documentaries on TV to keep up with the information on them.

Question 2

What kind of animals do you like?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like dogs the most. They are very cute and loyal to their owners. I grew up hearing about amazing stories of loyal dogs, so I always asked my parents to get me a puppy when I was young. I have had many dogs as pets. I also like cats, rabbits, and gerbils.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe an animal or pet that you have owned.

You should say:

what kind of animal it was
where you got it
how you looked after it

and why it was important to you.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I had a bunny when I was young. My parents got him at a pet shop. I took care of him by feeding him lettuce, carrots, and apples. I also cleaned his cage every day. He was very important pet to me because he was my first pet. He died of old age, and I remember crying a lot. We buried him in our backyard and held a burial service for him. I miss him very much because he was such a gentle rabbit.

Advanced Answer

When I was living in the States, I had a bunny named Snow White. I got him at a pet shop when he was very young and built a large two-story home with stairs for him, which he liked to go up and down on. There was a special bunny food at the market, and I bought a bag of it every month. I took a good care of him and trained him to do many tricks by persuading him with the rabbit treats. People don't believe that bunnies can do tricks, but they don't know how smart they really are. Snow White was able to understand my commands such as "Up" or "Kiss" and people who visited my place were very amazed to see him doing tricks. My friend also got a bunny because she became very fond of Snow White. When I was away from my family, Snow White was a good companion for me.

Topic Card 2

Describe a wild animal that can be found in your country.

You should say:

where it can be found
what it looks like
what you like or dislike about it

and how people treat wild animals in your country.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

There are many snakes in Vietnam, especially in the mountain areas. They vary in types and sizes. I despise them because they are very dangerous and some of them are poisonous. People in my country hate snakes. Ironically, snakes are used to make medicines. It is known to give a person a lot of energy, so the older generation use snakes as medicine sometimes.

Advanced Answer

You can find many wild animals such as deer, wild boars, and rabbits in the North and South Vietnam. There are even some Bald Headed Eagles which are the national bird of the United States. A body of a Bald Headed Eagle can be nearly one meter in length, and they have huge wings which can reach up to two meters. They are carnivores, so their beaks are very sharp and curved, which makes it easy for them to tear flesh. They feed on dead animals, rats, or rabbits. They are close to extinction and they are very precious, and that's why I like them so much. People didn't seem to care about wild animals in the past, but now, there are more people who pay attention to the well-being of wild animals nowadays.

Part 3

Question 1

Would you describe your country as an animal-loving country?

Suggested input
not really, more animal lovers nowadays, criticised for eating dog meat, lots of poachers kill wild or endangered animals

Advanced Answer

I like all kinds of animals except reptiles. However, my favorite animals are the big cats such as lions, tigers, and leopards. I like them because they are very wild and exotic, and there are many things that we still don't know about them. They may seem vicious, but it's the way nature is supposed to be. I especially like their cubs because they are so cute when they play with each other using their big paws.

Question 3

Do you own a pet?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

No, because I live in an apartment in a crowded city, it is hard to own a pet. My neighbors own small dogs, but I think that it is very inhumane because they don't train them properly or take their pets out for a walk. I love animals, especially dogs, but I am going to wait until I have a house with a garden to own a dog.

Advanced Answer

Yes. I have a cocker spaniel and a German shepherd. Weero, the cocker spaniel, is male and about two years old, and Joy, the German shepherd, is female and one year old. When we first brought Joy to our home, Weero hated her, but they have grown on each other and now they are best friends. Joy is much bigger than Weero, but she follows him everywhere, which is quite funny to watch. They have very different characteristics, but they are both very good dogs. They are part of our family.

Question 4

What kind of animals do people in your region like to own as a pet?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

People in my region like small dogs because they are cute and easy to take care of. I see many people with Maltese terriers or Shih Tzus in my neighborhood.

Advanced Answer

People in my region like to own small dogs because most of them do not have a garden for big dogs. The most favored small dogs include Maltese terriers, Shih Tzus, Yorkshire terriers, and Chihuahuas. They like small dogs because they are cute and cuddly, easy to take care of, and don't require a large space.

Question 5

What kind of animals do you hate?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I hate cats. Some people say that they are good pets, but I don't think they are. They are independent animals, so they are not as affectionate as dogs. Besides, they have very scary eyes, and I hate looking into them.

Advanced Answer

I really dislike reptiles because they seem very cold-blooded. Crocodiles are very interesting, yet very merciless toward their prey. I watch many documentaries on animals, but when I see reptiles, I change the channel. I can't stand to look at the vicious reptiles' hunting victims.

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Not really. It is certain that there are more animal lovers now than in the past, but we still have a long way to go. For a long time, Vietnamese people have been criticised by others for eating dog meat. Eating dog meat is very popular among Vietnamese people because it is very high in protein and is supposed to give a tremendous amount of energy to a weak person. There are also many poachers who illegally kill wild or endangered animals to make a profit.

Question 2

Can you name a few endangered wild animals in your country?

Suggested input

tigers / elephants / whales / rhinoceros, endangered animals, disappear rapidly

Personal Answer

Model Answer

There are many, but I can only think of few at the moment. Tigers are one of the endangered wild animals. There used to be many tigers in the past, but they have been poached for their skin, which can be sold at a very expensive price. Other endangered animals include owls and eagles, which are disappearing from the surface of the Earth rapidly. They don't have clean places to live in and clean air to breathe, and that's why they are disappearing at a fast rate.

Question 3

Do you believe in animal rights?

Suggested input

What exactly is 'Animal Rights'?

The concept of rights for animals is simple: Animals should not be exploited by people and they should have the same rights as humans.

Vietnam currently lacks effective laws punishing wildlife crimes.

As long as animals are considered property both in law and mainstream opinion, they will never be free from exploitation. Just as we oppose the exploitation of humans, I oppose the exploitation of other animals.

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Yes. I was a part of an association called "Vietnam Zoology Association," which is an organisation that provides wildlife preservation. Animals may be dumb, but they are living creatures with feelings and emotions. They have the right to live in the best environment. We should enforce stricter laws on poaching and animal abuse so that we can provide a better life for animals.

Question 4

What do you think are the benefits of keeping animals in a zoo?

Suggested input

Advantages

protect endangered species

receive firsthand knowledge of how animals behave and act

help animal populations (After raising sufficient number of the populations, the animals can then be released into the wild in an attempt to encourage population growth.)

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I think the main benefit of keeping animals in a zoo is that we can protect endangered species by providing an artificial environment for them. In addition, experts and scientists can help endangered animals to reproduce and live longer, so I think keeping animals in a zoo brings many benefits to animals as well as to humans.

Question 5

Do you think pets play an important role in a family? Why or why not?

Suggested input

important roles, pet owners regard their companion animals as family members, loyal and affectionate

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Pets play an important role in a family compared to the past. Many people prefer living alone these days, and instead of expanding their families, they prefer to own small pets such as small dogs, cats, or rabbits. I think the reason they prefer to have a pet is because pets are loyal and very affectionate toward their owners. Most people do not like the feeling of coming back to an empty house where there is no one who greets them.

More Questions

1. Tell me some of the problems that endangered animals are facing.

Personal Answer

2. Are animals respected more now than in the past?

Personal Answer

3. What kind of animal cruelty is there in the world?

Personal Answer

4. How can we reduce animal cruelty?

Personal Answer

5. Do you think it is better for animals to live in the wild than in zoos?

Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

germ
spotless
scientific study
obviously
achieve
loyal
amazing
gerbil
reptile
exotic
vicious
cub
paw
inhumane
grow on
characteristic
cuddly
affectionate
look into
cold-blooded
crocodile
merciless
prey
victim
bunny
lettuce
cage
bury
burial service
story
stair
trick
treat *n.*
command
fond of
companion

treat *v.*
vary
despise
poisonous
ironically
carnivore
beak
flesh
rat
extinction
precious
well-being
criticise
protein
tremendous
poacher
illegally
profit
name
poach
rapidly
right
association
organisation
wildlife
preservation
dumb
creature
protect
species
artificial
expert
reproduce
expand
greet
cruelty

Chapter 12

Food

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 12

Part 1 Questions

1. What kind of food do you like?
2. Is there anything you dislike or never eat?
3. What is your favorite meal of the day?
4. What is the most popular food in your country?
5. Are you a good cook?

Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe a traditional food in your country.

   You should say:

   what the food is
   how it is prepared
   when it is usually eaten
   what the significance or importance of the food is, if any

   and whether or not you enjoy the traditional food of your country.

2. Describe a special occasion when you had a really enjoyable meal.

   You should say:

   what the occasion was
   who was at the meal
   what you ate

   and why the meal was so enjoyable.

Part 3 Questions

1. How do people in Vietnam like western-style food?
2. What is your opinion about eating dogs or rare animals?
3. Do you think more about nutrition than taste when you buy food?
4. Do you think traditional foods will retain popularity in your country?
5. Are you in favor of animals being cloned for food?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. I am very ________ about my ________.
2. I had to ________ eating them because my doctor ________ me about my high ________.
3. It was very hard to ________ down on my ________ foods at first, but I have ________ craving for them now.
4. I can ________ up with the ________ information regarding my job.
5. I have never had an ________ to learn ________ to cook properly.
6. I just ________ think I am ________ in cooking.
7. I ________ to learn my mother's ________ of good cooking, hopefully before I get ________.
8. I am not too picky about ________ I eat and I enjoy food from ________ countries as well.
9. You first have to ________ the dried seaweed which you can ________ from a store.
10. We ________ Miyeok Guk for women ________ the delivery of her baby because it is very ________.
11. It was nice to ________ my grandmother's ________ together.
12. My husband ________ a surprise dinner for the ________ of us.
13. The dinner table was ________ very nicely with ________.
14. I could not ________ that he did everything by ________ because he had never cooked before.
15. The young ________ enjoy food from different parts of the ________.
16. There are ________ that we can ________ from, and we love trying ________ things every day.
17. It has been a ________ issue for us because we have been getting harsh ________.
18. I keep myself up to date by ________ to a health and a diet ________ every month.
19. I am sure that there is going to be a ________ shortage of food in the ________ future.
20. We can ________ on developing reproductive ________ for cows or pigs.

Answers

1. concerned, health
2. stop, warned, cholesterol
3. cut, favorite, no
4. catch, newest
5. opportunity, how
6. don't, talented
7. hope, secret, married
8. what, different
9. soak, purchase
10. cook, after, nutritious
11. celebrate, birthday
12. prepared, two
13. decorated, flowers
14. believe, himself
15. generations, world
16. many, choose, new
17. controversial, criticism
18. subscribing, magazine
19. serious, near
20. focus, technology

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I am very concerned about my health.**

Statement

(1) **you** You are very concerned about your health.
(2) **he** He is very concerned about his health.
(3) **we** We ______________________.
(4) **she** She ______________________.
(5) **they** They ______________________.

Question

(1) **you** Are you concerned about your health?
(2) **he** Is he concerned about his health?
(3) **we** ______________________?
(4) **she** ______________________?
(5) **they** ______________________?

No Answer

(1) I No, I am not concerned about my health.

(2) he No, ______________________________.

(3) we No, ______________________________.

(4) she No, ______________________________.

(5) they No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, I am concerned about my health.

(2) he Yes, ______________________________.

(3) we Yes, ______________________________.

(4) she Yes, ______________________________.

(5) they Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **The dinner table was decorated very nicely with flowers.**

Statement

The dinner table was decorated very nicely with flowers.

Question

Was the dinner table decorated very nicely with flowers?

No Answer

No, the dinner table wasn't decorated very nicely with flowers.

Yes Answer

Yes, the dinner table was decorated very nicely with flowers.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. <u>I</u> am very concerned about <u>my</u> health.
2. <u>I</u> had to stop eating because <u>my</u> doctor warned <u>me</u> about <u>my</u> high cholesterol.
3. It was very hard for <u>me</u> to cut down on <u>my</u> favorite foods at first.
4. <u>I</u> can catch up with the newest information regarding <u>my</u> job.
5. <u>I</u> have never had an opportunity to learn how to cook properly.
6. <u>I</u> am talented in cooking.
7. <u>I</u> hope to learn <u>my</u> mother's secret of good cooking.
8. <u>I</u> am not too picky about what <u>I</u> eat.
9. <u>You</u> can purchase the dried seaweed from a store.
10. <u>We</u> cook Miyeok Guk for women after the delivery of her baby.
11. It was nice to celebrate <u>my</u> grandmother's birthday together.

12. My brother prepared a surprise dinner for me.
13. The dinner table was decorated with flowers.
14. I could not believe that he did everything by himself.
15. The young generations enjoy food from different parts of the world.
16. There are many that we can choose from.
17. It has been a controversial issue for us because we have been getting harsh criticism.
18. I keep myself up to date by subscribing to a magazine every month.
19. There is going to be a serious shortage of food in the near future.
20. We can focus on developing reproductive technology.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

What kind of food do you like?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like salads because I am a vegetarian. I have a salad every day for lunch because it is very healthy for me and it is not a heavy meal. I like my salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, iceberg lettuce, and honey mustard dressing.

Advanced Answer

I like all kinds of meat, but I especially like prime rib steak with horseradish sauce. It is quite pricy, but tastes very good because it is very tender and juicy. I go to a steakhouse every weekend with my husband and order a prime rib dish with a lobster tail because I also like seafood. Prime rib and seafood make a good pair.

Question 2

Is there anything you dislike or never eat?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I hate eating spaghetti because I've had a very bad experience. I went out to eat at an Italian restaurant and ordered spaghetti. After eating spaghetti, I got really sick, so I was taken to an emergency room. After a few tests, the doctor told me that I had food poisoning. Spaghetti used to be my favorite food, but not any more.

Advanced Answer

I really dislike eating fried food because I am very concerned about my health. I used to consume a lot of greasy food such as French fries, butter, pork chops, and fried chicken, but I had to stop eating them because my doctor warned me about my high cholesterol. I decided to change my diet, so I started eating healthy by consuming lots of vegetables. It was very hard to cut down on my favorite foods at first, but I have no craving for them now.

Question 3

What is your favorite meal of the day?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like eating lunch because I don't have to spend time cooking. I have a job, so I go out for lunch with my colleagues. I can catch up with the newest information regarding my job and get to know my colleagues better. That's why lunch is my favorite meal of the day.

Advanced Answer

My favorite meal of the day is dinner because it is the only meal that I can have with my family. Everyone in my family has a job, and it is very hard to find time to see them or talk to them. Every day, my mother cooks a very nice, nutritious dinner so that all of my family members can enjoy it and have quality family time.

Question 4

What is the most popular food in your country?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

The most popular food in my country is Pho. It is a Vietnamese noodle soup, usually served with beef or chicken. The soup includes noodles made from rice flour and is often served with thinly sliced green onion, lime juice, some herbs, and bean sprouts that are added to the soup by the person who is dining. Pho is a popular street food and night food for most Vietnamese people.

Advanced Answer

Pho is the most popular food among the Vietnamese population. Pho is commonly eaten for breakfast, but many people will have it for their lunch or dinner. Pho has its particular fragrance with special taste and smell. Preparations may vary, but when the dish is served, its smell and taste is indispensable. Pho also has the added advantage of being convenient to prepare and healthy to eat.

Question 5

Are you a good cook?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes, I am. I like cooking, and I have been cooking for a long time. I first learned how to cook from my mother. She is a very good cook. I often help her cook dinner, and it is very exciting.

Advanced Answer

Actually, I am a terrible cook. I have been living alone for a long time but never had an opportunity to learn how to cook properly. My mother is a very good cook, so I call her when I need cooking advice, but I just don't think I am talented in cooking. I hope to learn my mother's secret of good cooking someday, hopefully before I get married.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe a traditional food in your country.

You should say:

what the food is
how it is prepared
when it is usually eaten
what the significance or importance of the food is, if any

and whether or not you enjoy the traditional food of your country.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I would like to tell you about "cha gio". This food is named "paper rolls" in the north and "spring rolls" in the south of Vietnam. The main ingredients of a spring roll are seasoned ground meat, mushrooms, and diced vegetables. All of these are rolled up in a sheet of moist rice paper. The roll is then deep fried until the rice paper coat turns crispy and golden brown. This food is usually served as an appetizer on any occasion. I like this traditional Vietnamese food, but I also enjoy food from different countries as well.

Advanced Answer

In my country, "cha gio" is one of the most popular traditional Vietnamese foods. This food is commonly referred to in Vietnam as "paper rolls" in the north and "spring rolls" in the south. The most common English translation of "cha gio" is spring roll. This is just a fancy name since the food has nothing to do with spring. The main ingredients of a roll of "cha gio" are commonly seasoned ground meat, such as pork, crab, or shrimp, mixed with mushrooms and diced vegetables like carrots or cabbages. All of these are rolled up in a sheet of moist rice paper and then deeply fried until the rice paper coat turns crispy and golden brown. When eating, we wrap each roll up in a fresh piece of lettuce and dip it in fish sauce. Spring rolls are absolutely delicious and take me back to my childhood as up till now, no food can compare to my mom's crispy spring rolls. The Vietnamese have spring rolls as an appetizer on any occasion. I like this food because it contains a few of my favorite things and they are obviously nice, crispy, nutritious, and taste great.

Topic Card 2

Describe a special occasion when you had a really enjoyable meal.

You should say:

what the occasion was
who was at the meal
what you ate

and why the meal was so enjoyable.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Last year, all the family members on my mother's side gathered for my grandmother's birthday. We went to a buffet restaurant and had a family feast. We enjoyed eating spring rolls and pancakes, which are two of the most famous Vietnamese dishes. It was very nice to see everyone and to celebrate my grandmother's birthday together.

Advanced Answer

On my thirtieth birthday, my husband prepared a surprise dinner for the two of us. When I walked into the house, there was a path made by rose petals and candles. I followed the path and found my husband waiting for me at the dining table, which was decorated very nicely with flowers. I sat down at the table and he started serving me. We had a bowl of soup and salad for an appetizer which was followed by lobster tail, which is my favorite dish. After the main course, he offered me a dessert which was very delicious. I could not believe that he did everything by himself because he had never cooked before. It was very romantic and thoughtful of him.

Part 3

Question 1

How do people in Vietnam like western-style food?

Suggested input
young generation, open-minded, foreign restaurants, love trying new things

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Vietnamese people, especially the young generation, enjoy food from different parts of the world. We are quite open-minded about foreign food, and there are many different kinds of foreign restaurants that you can find, such as Japanese, Italian, Indian, American, Middle Eastern, and so on. There are many that we can choose from, and we love trying new things every day.

Question 2

What is your opinion about eating dogs or rare animals?

Suggested input

dog-eating, controversial issue, harsh criticism, eating dog meat seriously hurts the image of a country, anti-dog-meat activists, dogs are special because they're "pets" and "companion" animals / the "best friend of humankind", unsafe, inhumane

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I don't know about rare animals, but eating dogs is quite common in my country. It has been a controversial issue for us because we have been getting harsh criticism from many foreigners. I am a dog lover myself, so I don't eat dog meat, but I think eating dogs is a part of our tradition and should not be criticized by foreigners who do not know about our culture.

Question 3

Do you think more about nutrition than taste when you buy food?

Suggested input

taste/nutrition is the most important influence/a top consideration on food choices, health of family, healthy diet, happy life

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I am very concerned about the health of my family, so I always think more about nutrition than taste. I keep myself up to date by subscribing to a health and diet magazine every month where I can find useful information. I try to eat healthy so that I don't get sick. My husband and my children don't get sick often because they get all the nutrition that they need. I am planning to keep a healthy diet so that my family and I can have a happy life.

Question 4

Do you think traditional foods will retain popularity in your country?

Suggested input

meat and poultry, eggs, whole grains, fish, beans and legumes, vegetables, fruit, nuts and seeds, etc., traditional foods, in their original form, not modernised, not processed, not packaged, have a long history of supporting good health, simple, basic, nutritious, not separate food and culture, consume more

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Though many young people in my country favor foreign food, traditional food is still an important part of their lives. We cannot separate food and culture; therefore, young people will continue to consume traditional food in the future.

Question 5

Are you in favor of animals being cloned for food?

Suggested input

not know much about animals being cloned for food, not natural, serious shortage, develop technology of reproduction

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I don't have much information on animals being cloned for food, but the idea is quite creepy because it is just not natural. I am sure that there is going to be a serious shortage of food in the near future, but instead of cloning, we should try different methods to solve food shortages. We can focus on developing the technology of reproduction for cows or pigs.

More Questions

1. What role do fast food and junk food play in your country?

   Personal Answer

2. What is your opinion on genetically modified food?

   Personal Answer

3. How have people's eating habits changed over the years?

   Personal Answer

4. Do you think cooking should be only a woman's job? Why or why not?

   Personal Answer

5. Does traditional cooking have more benefits than modern cooking?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

vegetarian
iceberg lettuce
prime rib
horseradish
pricy
steakhouse
lobster
seafood
make a pair
order
emergency room
food poisoning
greasy
pork chop
warn
cholesterol
diet
cut down on
have craving for
colleague
catch up with
regarding
nutritious
include
onion
lime
herb
bean sprouts
fragrance
vary
indispensable
opportunity
properly
talented
significance
ingredient
seasoned
ground
diced
roll up
moist
crispy
appetizer
refer to
fancy
wrap
buffet
feast
celebrate
petal
serve
bowl
main course
offer
romantic
thoughtful
open-minded
Middle Eastern
rare
controversial
harsh
criticism
up to date
subscribe to
retain
favor
separate
in favor of
clone
creepy

shortage

reproduction

junk food

genetically modified

over the years

Chapter 13

Interest / Hobby / Free Time

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 13

Part 1 Questions

1. What is your hobby?
2. How much time and money do you spend on your hobbies?
3. What are the most popular hobbies among people in your country?
4. What do you do in your spare time?
5. Is there any activity you have always wanted to do but have never had the chance?

Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe a leisure activity that you enjoy.

   You should say:

   what the activity is
   where and when you take part in it
   what it involves

   and why you enjoy it so much.

2. Describe the thing you like to do most when you have some free time.

   You should say:

   what it is
   what you do
   what makes you enjoy the activity

   and why this activity is important to you.

Part 3 Questions

1. Is watching television a good way of relaxing?
2. Are you an outdoor person?
3. Is it important to have an interest or a hobby? Why?
4. Why is it a good idea for a child to have a hobby?
5. How has the way people spent their free time changed over the years?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. I have ________ reading ________ I was very young.
2. My parents always ________ me to ________ many books.
3. You can ________ a world that you ________ experience in ________ life.
4. The cost of having access to a ________ pool is ________ in my membership ________.
5. Korean people ________ going there in their ________ time with their friends or ________.
6. One of the most ________ hobbies among Koreans is ________.
7. People can enjoy the feeling of ________ when they ________ the peak of the mountain.
8. I usually ________ home and do ________ in my ________ time.
9. I have no ________ to do anything but to ________ and rest.
10. I have always wanted to try ________ sports such as skydiving or bungee ________.
11. I ________ to a nearby park and ________ on my rollerblades ________ I have a chance.
12. I like in-line skating ________ it is a good way to ________ stress and feel ________.
13. I like playing an ________ in my free time because I am ________ in music.
14. ________ at the screen for a ________ time can tire your eyes.
15. I think having an ________ or a hobby is very ________ because we live in such a ________ world these days.
16. Many parents these days ________ to provide a variety of ________ lessons for their children to receive.
17. People ________ to visit their neighbors or friends to spend their ________ time.
18. It was hard to develop one's ________ in the past because the day was ________.
19. On the ________ hand, people spend their free time ________ many different activities, ________ on the interest of a person.
20. ________ are many places ________ you can go to enjoy your hobby ________ people who have the same interest.

Answers

1. enjoyed, since
2. encouraged, read
3. experience, cannot, real
4. swimming, included, fee
5. enjoy, spare, family
6. popular, climbing
7. achievement, reach
8. stay, nothing, spare
9. desire, sleep
10. extreme, jumping
11. drive, put, whenever
12. because, relieve, refreshed
13. instrument, majoring
14. Staring, long
15. interest, important, stressful
16. try, private
17. used, free
18. hobby, shorter
19. other, doing, depending
20. There, where, with

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I have enjoyed reading since I was young.**

Statement

(1) **you** You have enjoyed reading since you were young.
(2) **he** He has enjoyed reading since he was young.
(3) **we** We ______________________________.
(4) **she** She ______________________________.
(5) **they** They ______________________________.

Question

(1) **you** Have you enjoyed reading since you were young?
(2) **he** Has he enjoyed reading since he was young?
(3) **we** ______________________________?
(4) **she** ______________________________?
(5) **they** ______________________________?

No Answer

(1) **I** No, I haven't enjoyed reading since I was young.

(2) **he** No, ______________________________.

(3) **we** No, ______________________________.

(4) **she** No, ______________________________.

(5) **they** No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) **I** Yes, I have enjoyed reading since I was young.

(2) **he** Yes, ______________________________.

(3) **we** Yes, ______________________________.

(4) **she** Yes, ______________________________.

(5) **they** Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **One of the most popular hobbies among Vietnamese people is watching TV.**

Statement

One of the most popular hobbies among Vietnamese people is watching TV.

Question

Is one of the most popular hobbies among Vietnamese people watching TV?

No Answer

No, one of the most popular hobbies among Vietnamese people isn't watching TV.

Yes Answer

Yes, one of the most popular hobbies among Vietnamese people is watching TV.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we	▸▸	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

▸ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. I have enjoyed reading since I was young.
2. My parents encourage me to read many books.
3. You can experience a new world in real life.
4. The cost of having access to a swimming pool is included in the fee.
5. I enjoy going there in my spare time with my friends or family.
6. One of the most popular hobbies among Vietnamese people is watching TV.
7. I can enjoy the feeling of achievement when I reach the peak of the mountain.
8. I usually stay home and do nothing in my spare time.
9. I have no desire to do anything but to sleep and rest.
10. I have always wanted to try extreme sports such as bungee jumping.
11. I put on my rollerblades whenever I have a chance.

12. In-line skating is a good way to relieve stress and feel refreshed.
13. I like playing an instrument in my free time because I am majoring in music.
14. Staring at the screen for a long time can tire your eyes.
15. We live in such a stressful world these days.
16. I provide a variety of private lessons for their children to receive.
17. I used to visit my neighbors or friends to spend my free time.
18. It was hard to develop one's hobby in the past.
19. I spend my free time doing many different activities.
20. I can go to enjoy my hobby with people who have the same interest.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

What is your hobby?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like reading. I have enjoyed reading since I was very young. My parents always encouraged me to read many books. I like reading novels, newspaper articles, magazines, you name it, but most of all, I like reading about the history of a country.

Advanced Answer

My hobby is watching movies. I have been a movie fanatic ever since I was 15 years old. I like watching action movies or science fiction movies because there is a lot of excitement involved. You can experience a world that you cannot experience in real life, and that's what I like about movies.

Question 2

How much time and money do you spend on your hobbies?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I go swimming every day at the community centre. It is cheaper than going to other pools because I get a discount for being a resident.

Advanced Answer

My hobby is swimming, so I go to the gym every day. It doesn't cost me too much to go swimming there because the cost of having access to a pool is already included in my membership fee. I go swimming every day after work unless I have a special appointment.

Question 3

What are the most popular hobbies among people in your country?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Both old and young Vietnamese people like going to karaoke shops. They are equipped with a karaoke machine, so people can choose the song they want to sing. Vietnamese people enjoy going there in their spare time with their friends or family.

Advanced Answer

One of the most popular hobbies among Vietnamese people is watching television. Almost all Vietnamese households now own at least a television set and most of them also have cable television. Watching videos or television is especially a valued leisure activity for most Vietnamese people.

Question 4

What do you do in your spare time?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

In my spare time, I usually go shopping with my mother. There is a big department store near by my house. We go shopping for clothes, shoes, and groceries. I like shopping with my mother because we can spend time together during shopping.

Advanced Answer

I am embarrassed to say this, but I usually stay home and do nothing in my spare time. I used to be very active when I had a different job, but I have such a large workload nowadays that I have no desire to do anything but to sleep and rest. In the past, I used to go rock climbing, bike riding, or jogging. I hope to be active again because it is much healthier to be active than to be a couch potato.

Question 5

Is there any activity you have always wanted to do but have never had the chance?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes. I would like to try rafting. There are not many places for rafting in my country, so I didn't get to try yet. Besides, it's very expensive. I would like to try it when I go overseas because it is cheaper and there are many wonderful places to try rafting.

Advanced Answer

Yes. I have always wanted to try extreme sports such as skydiving or bungee jumping, but never had the chance to go because it's so far from my house. My friend in Australia told me that he had tried skydiving recently, so when I go there, I'm going to go skydiving with my friend. I am looking forward to it very much and I am already getting excited!

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe a leisure activity that you enjoy.

You should say:

what the activity is
where and when you take part in it
what it involves

and why you enjoy it so much.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I enjoy horse riding. I have been riding since I was little because my family owns a ranch. There are five horses in our barn, and one of them is mine. Her name is Forest. I named her after my favorite movie character. I ride her every day to the field nearby our ranch or to the nearest town to run errands. All you need is a saddle and a good horse like Forest. I enjoy riding her because she is a very gentle horse, and she understands my commands very well. I also enjoy taking care of her.

Advanced Answer

I like going in-line skating very much. I drive to a nearby park and put on my rollerblades whenever I have a chance. The park that I often go to has very nice pavement for in-line skaters and bicycle riders, so it is really easy to do these kinds of activities, even for the beginners. I usually take my little sister with me so that I can spend some time with her. I like in-line skating because it is a good way to relieve stress and feel refreshed.

Topic Card 2

Describe the thing you like to do most when you have some free time.

You should say:

what it is
what you do
what makes you enjoy the activity

and why this activity is important to you.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like playing an instrument in my free time because I am majoring in music. I have been playing the oboe and the saxophone since I was 10 years old. Playing music is very relaxing, and that's why it is very important to me.

Advanced Answer

I don't usually have free time during the week, so I usually go shopping with my friends on weekends. We meet up for brunch at our favorite café, and have a nice meal together and catch up with each other. After the meal, we go shopping at a department store where we look at the newest shoes and clothes. We also shop for jewelry and try on many different things to find what we really want. Shopping with friends is not only fun, but also good exercise.

Part 3

Question 1

Is watching television a good way of relaxing?

Suggested input
a good way of relaxing, excessive TV watching, unhealthy for body and mind, a waste of time

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I think watching the right amount of television is a good way of relaxing. However, excessive TV watching can be unhealthy for your body and mind. The electromagnetic waves produced by TV can harm your brain, and staring at the screen for a long time can tire your eyes. In addition, I think it is a waste of time.

Question 2

Are you an outdoor person?

Suggested input

Outdoor activities: outdoor swimming, fishing, camping, motor biking, kayaking, walking, windsurfing, kitesurfing, mountain climbing, etc.

Outdoor person: active for personal experience, living to the fullest

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Definitely! I like all kinds of outdoor activities such as mountain climbing, rock climbing, camping, and fishing. I especially like camping and fishing because I can enjoy fishing in the morning with a magnificent view of sunrise. I think the reason that I am an outdoor person is because my father is very active, and he used to take me camping every weekend.

Question 3

Is it important to have an interest or a hobby? Why?

Suggested input

engage in activities that we enjoy, boost mental health and overall well-being, exercise our mind

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I think having an interest or a hobby is very important because we live in such a stressful world these days, and we need a good way to relieve our stress. Having an interest or a hobby is good because doing something you enjoy can relieve most of your stress. In addition, one can learn special skills while enjoying a hobby.

Question 4

Why is it a good idea for a child to have a hobby?

Suggested input

every kid, some sort of hobby / a popular pastime, collect and trade cards, coin / stamp collecting, photography, building radios / model houses, etc., educational tools, hobbies benefit children, help build self-esteem, learn to set goals, make decisions, solve all sorts of problems, etc.

Personal Answer

Model Answer

A hobby can help develop hidden talents a child has. When a person is young, it is hard to notice his or her potential. That's why so many parents these days try to provide a variety of private lessons for their children.

Question 5

How has the way people spent their free time changed over the years?

Suggested input

in the past, not many forms of entertainment, visit friends / relatives, caring for family, shopping, entertain friends / family at home, playing chess / sports, many different electricity-related activities, watching television, playing video / computer games

Personal Answer

Model Answer

In the past, people used to visit their neighbours or friends to spend their free time because there wasn't much entertainment available. My grandmother used to tell me that people used to go to bed after sunset because there was no electricity or TV. It was hard to develop one's hobby in the past because the day was shorter. On the other hand, people spend their free time doing many different activities now, depending on the interest of the person. There is much entertainment available these days, and there are many places where you can go to enjoy your hobby with people who have the same interest.

More Questions

1. What are the benefits and drawbacks of having a hobby?

   Personal Answer

2. What leisure activities do you recommend to combat stress?

   Personal Answer

3. How can people be encouraged to develop their interests?

   Personal Answer

4. What kind of outdoor adventures do people your age and gender like?

   Personal Answer

5. Do you know about strange or unique hobbies people have?

Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

encourage
novel
article
you name it
most of all
fanatic
science fiction
excitement
community centre
resident
membership
appointment
be equipped with
household
cable television
valued leisure
groceries *pl.*
embarrassed
workload
desire *n., v.*
couch potato
rafting
extreme sports
look forward to
take part in
ranch
barn
run errands
saddle
in-line skating
rollerblade
pavement
relieve stress
feel refreshed
major in
brunch
jewelry
cf. accessory
try on
excessive
unhealthy
electromagnetic wave
magnificent
sunrise
stressful
hidden
talent
potential
variety
entertainment
available
electricity
on the other hand
drawback
recommend
combat
outdoor
gender

Chapter 14

Sports / Health

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 14

Part 1 Questions

1. Are you athletic?
2. Do you enjoy playing or watching sports?
3. How often do you play or watch sports?
4. Are you healthy?
5. Do you exercise regularly?

Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe your favorite sport.

   You should say:

   what it is
   when you play or watch this sport
   how long you've been interested in this sport

   and why you enjoy this sport.

2. Describe an activity you have done to keep fit or healthy. (*ex.* physical exercise, a diet, stopping smoking, etc.)

   You should say:

   what the activity is
   what you have done exactly
   how long you have done this activity for

   and whether this activity is successful or not.

Part 3 Questions

1. What sports are most popular in your country? Why?
2. Do you think people in your country exercise enough?
3. What are the best ways to keep healthy?
4. Why do people live longer now?
5. Do you think healthcare facilities in your country, such as hospitals, need to be improved?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. I have been ________ in sports ________ I was very young.
2. I ________ a sprinter in my school ________ many years.
3. I am not as ________ as I used to be because I haven't ________ for quite a long time.
4. I don't ________ watching sports once in a ________ because there are some that get me ________ when I watch.
5. I'm ________ with my studies on ________.
6. I plan to ________ working out starting from ________ month, but I'm not too ________ if I can keep it up.
7. I have been ________ tennis since I was in ________ school.
8. My mother ________ that I should try taking tennis ________ at school.
9. I am a good ______ now because I have ______ playing for 30 years.
10. I was ________ to ________ when I was in middle school.
11. I can ________ it while ________ up with my good friends.
12. I ________ to quit ________ because of the ________ Korean comedian.
13. I am ________ to him because his ________ taught me to quit smoking.
14. I had a car ________ which caused me to have severe back ________ every day.
15. People started getting really ________ in it when the World Cup 2002 was ________ in Korea.
16. Everyone ________ up in front of the City Hall ________ red clothes to root for our national team.
17. The best way to ________ healthy is to have healthy diet and to ________ on a regular basis.
18. Healthcare ________ in my country have improved a lot ________ to the past.
19. They are not ________ hygienic ________ American ________ when it comes to ________ bed sheets and blankets.
20. I was ________ to see that the nurses kept ________ just one disposable plastic cover on the ________ for patients.

Answers

1. interested, since
2. was, for
3. fast, trained
4. mind, while, excited
5. occupied, weekdays
6. start, next, sure
7. playing, elementary
8. suggested, lessons
9. player, been
10. introduced, bowling
11. enjoy, catching
12. decided, smoking, famous
13. thankful, death
14. accident, pain
15. interested, held
16. gathered, wearing
17. keep, exercise
18. facilities, compared
19. as, as, hospitals, providing
20. shocked, using, thermometer

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I was a sprinter in my school for many years.**

Statement

(1) **you** You were a sprinter in your school for many years.
(2) **he** He was a sprinter in his school for many years.
(3) **we** We ________________________________.
(4) **she** She ________________________________.
(5) **they** They ________________________________.

Question

(1) **you** Were you a sprinter in your school for many years?
(2) **he** Was he a sprinter in his school for many years?
(3) **we** ________________________________?
(4) **she** ________________________________?
(5) **they** ________________________________?

No Answer

(1) I No, I wasn't a sprinter in my school for many years.

(2) he No, ______________________________.

(3) we No, ______________________________.

(4) she No, ______________________________.

(5) they No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, I was a sprinter in my school for many years.

(2) he Yes, ______________________________.

(3) we Yes, ______________________________.

(4) she Yes, ______________________________.

(5) they Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ Question ▸▸ No Answer ▸▸ Yes Answer

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **The best way to keep healthy is to have a healthy diet.**

Statement

The best way to keep healthy is to have a healthy diet.

Question

Is the best way to keep healthy to have a healthy diet?

No Answer

No, the best way to keep healthy isn't to have a healthy diet.

Yes Answer

Yes, the best way to keep healthy is to have a healthy diet.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. I have been interested in sports since I was very young.
2. I was a sprinter in my school for many years.
3. I am not as fast as I used to be.
4. I don't mind watching sports once in a while.
5. I'm occupied with my studies on weekdays.
6. I plan to start working out starting from next month.
7. I have been playing tennis since I was in elementary school.
8. My mother suggested that I should try taking tennis lessons at school.
9. I am a good player because I have been playing for 30 years.
10. I was introduced to bowling when I was in middle school.
11. I can catch up with my good friends.

12. I decided to quit smoking because of the famous Korean comedian.
13. I am thankful to him for his kindness.
14. A car accident caused me to have severe back pain every day.
15. I started getting interested in soccer when the World Cup was held in Korea.
16. People went to the stadium wearing red clothes to root for our national team.
17. The best way to keep healthy is to have a healthy diet.
18. Healthcare facilities in my country have improved a lot compared to the past.
19. Korean hospitals are not as hygienic as American ones.
20. I was shocked to see that the nurses kept using the same thermometer for patients.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

Are you athletic?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes. I like sports. I play a lot of sports such as basketball, baseball, or soccer with my friends after school. I like running around and being active, so I am always in shape.

Advanced Answer

Yes, I am. I have been interested in sports since I was very young. I was a sprinter for my school for many years. I used to be very fast, but I am slower now because I haven't trained for quite a long time. Instead, I enjoy different sport activities, such as yoga, Pilates, or swimming.

Question 2

Do you enjoy playing or watching sports?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like both. Watching and playing sports are somewhat different, so I enjoy both of them. I usually play sports with my friends or colleagues on weekends and I watch sports on TV on weekdays.

Advanced Answer

I am not into sports, so I don't like playing them, but I don't mind watching sports once in a while because there are some that get me excited when watching. For example, swimming competitions or short track skating competitions are very thrilling, and I like watching the Olympic Games to root for the Vietnamese national team.

Question 3

How often do you play or watch sports?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I am not athletic, but I love watching sports a lot. I watch some games on TV on weekends for many hours, and my mother gets angry at me sometimes. Watching professional players play is very amazing, and I wish that I was athletic like them.

Advanced Answer

I wish I could play sports as much as I possibly could, but I'm occupied with my studies on weekdays. So, I try to go out and play sports with my buddies on weekends. We usually meet up at a basketball court nearby my house and play basketball for 3 to 4 hours, which is quite tiring, but it feels wonderful after taking a shower.

Question 4

Are you healthy?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes, I am. I always eat healthy food and exercise every day. All my family members are very health-conscious, so it has become a habit to watch out for my health.

Advanced Answer

To be honest with you, I'm not so healthy because I'm not careful with my diet, and I don't exercise regularly. I used to be a lot healthier when I was younger because I used to have a membership at a fitness center. These days, I tire easily and catch colds easily, so I go to see a doctor often.

Question 5

Do you exercise regularly?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes, I do. I go swimming every morning with my brother because I have a lot of spare time these days. The gym is very close to where we live, so it's not a hassle at all. I like swimming in the morning because it is very good exercise and it keeps me fit.

Advanced Answer

I know that I should, but I don't at the moment because I can't find time to go to the gym. It sounds like an excuse, but I go to work very early and get off late, so by the time I come home, I feel too fatigued. Since I don't have time to go to the gym, I bought home exercise equipment, but I stopped using it after a few times. I plan to start working out starting from next month, but I'm not too sure if I can keep it up.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe your favorite sport.

You should say:

what it is
when you play or watch this sport
how long you've been interested in this sport

and why you enjoy this sport.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like playing tennis. I have been playing tennis since I was in elementary school. When I was an elementary school student, my mother suggested to me that I should try taking tennis lessons at school. It was very hard at first, but I picked it up very fast. I am a good player now because I have been playing for 30 years. I enjoy playing tennis because it is good exercise and it is exciting.

Advanced Answer

My favorite sport is bowling. My friends and I have enjoyed having a Bowling Night every Friday evening after we get off of work. I was introduced to bowling when I was in middle school and I have been enjoying bowling ever since. I don't think I am a good bowler, but I enjoy it because it's not an extreme sport that makes me sweat. I can enjoy it while catching up with my good friends.

Topic Card 2

Describe an activity you have done to keep fit or healthy. (*ex.* physical exercise, a diet, stopping smoking, etc.)

You should say:

what the activity is
what you have done exactly
how long you have done this activity for

and whether this activity is successful or not.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I am fully aware that regular exercise is one of the best things we can do to keep ourselves fit and healthy. Therefore, I go swimming three times a week at a swimming pool near my home. I have done this activity since I started my office work. I strongly believe that swimming can reduce my risk of developing heart disease and increase my chances of staying healthy for longer. In fact, it has helped improve my physical fitness.

Advanced Answer

A few years ago, I had a car accident that caused me to have severe lower back pain every day. I went to see a physical therapist every other day, which helped me to rehabilitate my strength, but it was only temporary. Then my physical therapist suggested that I should try Pilates. I have tried yoga before, but I found Pilates easier to follow. I noticed that my back pain has disappeared gradually since I started Pilates, and now I'm almost as good as new.

Part 3

Question 1

What sports are most popular in your country? Why?

Suggested input

badminton, table tennis, volleyball, swimming, martial arts like judo, karate, hold a high rank internationally, chess, kungfu, shooting, soccer, the "King" sport, popular, young players, the mass of soccer fans, played by young people, a number of sports clubs, budding soccer players, participate, international sports competitions and festivals

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Some popular Vietnamese sports are badminton, table tennis, volleyball, swimming, martial arts like judo, karate, etc. Some sports which internationally hold a high rank are chess, kungfu, and shooting. However, the most popular is soccer, which is known as the "King" sport in Vietnam. It is most popular because it is played by most young people and those who are concerned with it. They are not only the players but also the mass of soccer fans. Also, my country has a number of sports clubs to train budding soccer players to be able to participate in international sports competitions and festivals.

Question 2

Do you think people in your country exercise enough?

Suggested input

not exercise enough, especially city dwellers, go by motorcycle, no time, work early till late at night, no other physical activities

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I definitely think that Vietnamese people, especially city dwellers, do not exercise enough because they don't walk a lot. They often go everywhere by motorcycle. In addition, many people go to work early in the morning and they often work until late at night. So, they do not have time to exercise or to do other physical activities.

Question 3

What are the best ways to keep healthy?

Suggested input

keep fit/healthy, a healthy diet, to exercise, the right amount of nutrients, improve dramatically

Personal Answer

Model Answer

The best ways to keep healthy are to have a healthy diet and to exercise on a regular basis. It is very important to consume the right amount of nutrients and to build stronger muscles. When these two methods are combined together, one's health will improve dramatically after a few months.

Question 4

Why do people live longer now?

Suggested input

a number of factors, improvements in public health, nutrition, and medicine, vaccinations and antibiotics greatly reduce deaths in childhood, health and safety in manual workplaces improve, fewer people smoke, a decline in the fertility rate

Personal Answer

Model Answer

People live longer now because of the development of medicines and medical technology. In the past, there used to be many diseases that were incurable, but over many decades, scientists and doctors have developed new knowledge to treat them. For example, about a decade ago, a person with breast cancer was most likely to die of it because the medical technology wasn't developed enough to cure it. However, nowadays, most cases of breast cancer can be cured if it is detected early. That's why people live healthier and longer lives these days.

Question 5

Do you think healthcare facilities in your country, such as hospitals, need to be improved?

Suggested input

healthcare facilities, public hospitals, not on a par with the international standards, not good enough, overcrowding, improper hygienic condition, expensive medicine

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Well, I think that the healthcare facilities in my country are now much better than in the past, but I have noticed that they still have a long way to go. One reason is that they are not as hygienic as Western hospitals when it comes to providing bed sheets and blankets. In addition, I was shocked to see that nurses kept using just one disposable plastic cover on thermometers when measuring patients' temperature. I think that Vietnamese healthcare facilities should be aware that hygiene is the most important thing for people, especially for sick ones.

More Questions

1. What are some differences between watching sports on TV and attending a sporting event?

   Personal Answer

2. Is it always important to win at sport? Why, or why not?

   Personal Answer

3. What is a common disease in your part of the country?

   Personal Answer

4. What is your opinion on euthanasia?

   Personal Answer

5. Is being physically fit the same as being healthy?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

athletic
in shape
sprinter
Pilates
somewhat
colleague
once in a while
competition
thrilling
root for
professional player
be occupied with
buddy
court
health-conscious
watch out
to be honest with you
membership
catch a cold/colds
gym
hassle
keep somebody fit
at the moment
excuse
get off
fatigued
keep something up
elementary
pick something up
sweat *n., v.*
catch up with
aware

reduce
risk
physical fitness
accident
severe
lower back pain
physical therapist
rehabilitate
strength
temporary
gradually
as good as new
martial art
rank
be concerned with
budding
competition
festival
on a regular basis
nutrient
incurable
decade
treat
breast cancer
cure
detect
healthcare
hygienic
disposable
thermometer
attend
euthanasia

Chapter 15

TV / Movies

Questions in Each Part of Chapter 15

Part 1 Questions

1. Do you like watching TV or movies?
2. What kind of films do you enjoy?
3. Which one do you prefer, cinema or theatre?
4. Are western movies popular in your country?
5. What is the most popular form of public entertainment in your country?

Part 2 Topic Cards

1. Describe a TV programme you like watching.

   You should say:

   who produced it
   how often you watch it
   what you can get from it

   and why you like this programme.

2. Describe an actor or actress in a film who has impressed you.

   You should say:

   when you watched the film
   what role this person plays in the film
   what the film is about

   and why you find this person impressive.

Part 3 Questions

1. Do you think there is too much violence in films? Do you think such portrayals are harmful to anyone?
2. Do you think there should be a limit on the time that children spend watching television? Why, or why not?
3. What is your opinion on unauthorised sale of CDs or DVDs?
4. How has television in your country changed in recent years?
5. Why has television become one of the most powerful media today?

Warm-up

Say it in English

Listen and fill in the missing words in each sentence. Then, say the whole sentence aloud.

1. I ________ many hours watching TV at ________ because there are many ________ programmes.
2. I don't ________ watching sad love stories sometimes because it ________ really good after ________.
3. A lot of different ________ are used in movies to make them more ________.
4. It is ________ to watch a movie ________ to watch a play or a musical.
5. The ________ of theatre art is nearly 10 ________ more than the cinema in my country.
6. They ________ our culture the best and people can feel ________ while watching them.
7. People in my country are ________ more and more open to Western ________.
8. The most popular ________ of public ________ in my country is movies.
9. It is important to know the ________ issues because we live in a ________ developing society.
10. I like this programme ________ it is not as ________ as other programmes these days.
11. She is the ________ character in this ________.
12. I find Tom very ________ for giving such a wonderful ________.
13. I cannot ________ how hard it is to act as a mentally ________ person.
14. Violent movies are not only ________ to adults, ________ also extremely harmful to youngsters.
15. Children cannot ________ right ________ for themselves.
16. Watching too much TV will ________ them lose focus on their ________.
17. Children should only be ________ to watch TV at a certain time for a ________ period.
18. ________ in my country used to be very ________ in many ways.
19. The television has ________ one of the most powerful ________ today because it is easy for everyone to have ________ to a TV.
20. It ________ them to receive information quickly and ________.

Answers

1. spend, home, fun
2. mind, feels, crying
3. effects, exciting
4. cheaper, than
5. cost, times
6. describe, sympathetic
7. becoming, culture
8. form, entertainment
9. current, fast
10. because, violent
11. main, movie
12. impressive, performance
13. imagine, handicapped
14. harmful, but
15. make, decisions
16. make, schoolwork
17. allowed, short
18. Television, restricted
19. become, media, access
20. enables, accurately

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out the utterances.
2. Do not complete the gapped utterances in writing but practise speaking them up naturally and fluently.

Use the example below to practise speaking up. (Remember to change the underlined pronouns accordingly.)

Ex 1. **I don't mind watching sad love stories.**

Statement

(1) **you** You don't mind watching sad love stories.
(2) **he** He doesn't mind watching sad love stories.
(3) **we** We ______________________.
(4) **she** She ______________________.
(5) **they** They ______________________.

Question

(1) **you** Do you mind watching sad love stories?
(2) **he** Does he mind watching sad love stories?
(3) **we** ______________________?
(4) **she** ______________________?
(5) **they** ______________________?

No Answer

(1) **I** No, I don't mind watching sad love stories.

(2) **he** No, ______________________________.

(3) **we** No, ______________________________.

(4) **she** No, ______________________________.

(5) **they** No, ______________________________.

Yes Answer

(1) **I** Yes, I mind watching sad love stories.

(2) **he** Yes, ______________________________.

(3) **we** Yes, ______________________________.

(4) **she** Yes, ______________________________.

(5) **they** Yes, ______________________________.

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▸▸ **Question** ▸▸ **No Answer** ▸▸ **Yes Answer**

Read out the utterances below naturally and fluently.

Ex 2. **It is cheaper to watch a movie than to watch a play.**

Statement

It is cheaper to watch a movie than to watch a play.

Question

Is it cheaper to watch a movie than to watch a play?

No Answer

No, it isn't cheaper to watch a movie than to watch a play.

Yes Answer

Yes, it is cheaper to watch a movie than to watch a play.

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Speak up – Step 2

Practise speaking up.

1. Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances and pronouns used

Statement		Question		No Answer		Yes Answer
(1) you		(1) you		(1) I		(1) I
(2) he		(2) he		(2) he		(2) he
(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we	▶▶	(3) we
(4) she		(4) she		(4) she		(4) she
(5) they		(5) they		(5) they		(5) they

2. No Changes in Personal Pronouns

Order of utterances

Statement ▶▶ Question ▶▶ No Answer ▶▶ Yes Answer

▶ **Notes**

1. Read out each statement given.
2. Memorise it and do not look at it again.
3. Transform it according to the order mentioned above, and then speak up your utterances naturally and fluently.

Use the statements below to practise speaking up. (Remember to follow the order mentioned above and change the underlined pronouns and possessive adjectives accordingly.)

1. <u>I</u> spend many hours watching TV at home because there are many fun programmes.
2. <u>I</u> don't mind watching sad love stories.
3. A lot of different effects are used in movies to make them more exciting.
4. It is cheaper to watch a movie than to watch a play.
5. The cost of theatre art is 10 times more than the cinema in <u>my</u> country.
6. <u>I</u> can feel sympathetic with the movie.
7. <u>I</u> am becoming more and more open to Western culture.
8. The most popular form of public entertainment in <u>my</u> country is movies.
9. It is important to know the current issues because <u>we</u> live in a fast developing society.
10. This programme is not as violent as other programmes these days.
11. <u>She</u> is the main character in this movie.

12. I find him very impressive for giving such a wonderful performance.
13. I cannot imagine how hard it is to act as a mentally handicapped person.
14. Violent movies are harmful to youngsters.
15. I cannot make right decisions for myself.
16. Watching too much TV will make them lose focus on their schoolwork.
17. Children should be allowed to watch TV at a certain time.
18. Television in my country used to be very restricted in many ways.
19. It is easy for everyone to have access to a TV.
20. It enables them to receive information quickly and accurately.

Practice Test

Part 1

Question 1

Do you like watching TV or movies?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Yes, I like watching TV or movies. I spend many hours watching TV at home because there are many fun programmes. I like watching about 3 serial dramas and the news every day, and it is a long time to be spending in front of TV.

Advanced Answer

Yes, I do. I especially like going to the movie theatre to enjoy science fiction movies or action movies because the sound system is much better there, which makes the movies more alive and exciting. I usually go to see a movie on weekends, but when there is an interesting new release, I go after work.

Question 2

What kind of films do you enjoy?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I only like mystery movies because they have unexpected events or endings. I like it when a movie has a twisted ending. Mystery movies make me excited throughout the entire movie.

Advanced Answer

I enjoy romantic movies, just like other women do. My boyfriend says that romantic movies are cheesy, but I don't care. I think it helps me to relieve stress by making me feel more emotional. I like watching romantic comedies, but I don't mind watching sad love stories sometimes because it feels really good after crying.

Question 3

Which one do you prefer, cinema or theatre?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I prefer theatre better because it is a live performance. Movies are great, but a lot of different effects are used in movies to make them more exciting. On the other hand, plays or musicals focus on the good performance of actors and actresses, as well as the artwork of the stage. I see theatre as a true form of art, and that's why I prefer theatre.

Advanced Answer

I prefer cinema because it is cheaper to watch a movie than to watch a play or a musical. The cost of theatre art is nearly 10 times more than cinema in my country, so many people cannot enjoy it often. I have only been to a musical once, and I admit that it was amazing, but it's a luxury that I cannot dream of having at this time of my life.

Question 4

Are western movies popular in your country?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

Well, they are popular, especially among the young people. They prefer Western movies more than Vietnamese ones.

Advanced Answer

Yes. The most popular western movies are Hollywood movies, which are probably the most favored movies among people from all over the world. People in my country are becoming more and more open to western culture, and they are adapting imported things very fast. Many movies directors in my country get ideas from famous western movies, and nowadays, there are many local movies with better stories and scenes.

Question 5

What is the most popular form of public entertainment in your country?

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

The most popular public entertainment is concerts. Many young and old people like going to a concert of their favorite singer. They like it because they can listen to their favorite music, see their favorite singer, and also sing along with the singer and relieve stress.

Advanced Answer

The most popular form of public entertainment in my country is movies. It is especially popular among young people because it is a good form of entertainment that they can enjoy with their boy-friend or girlfriend. Older couples like going to movies as well because they can enjoy the movie with their children.

Part 2

Topic Card 1

Describe a TV programme you like watching.

You should say:

who produced it
how often you watch it
what you can get from it

and why you like this programme.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I like watching news on TV because I can learn what is happening in the world. It is important to know about current issues because we live in a fast developing society. I watch the news every day to obtain information on traffic, weather, economy, or social issues. I like watching the news because it makes me knowledgeable.

Advanced Answer

The TV programme I like best is Legal Report which is on at 9 o'clock every Thursday evening on channel HTV9. I watch it almost every time it is broadcast. It always introduces some cases about civil law and carries out some discussion between the presenter, who is a law major himself/herself, and some experts. I like this programme because it's very informative and instructive.

Topic Card 2

Describe an actor or actress in a film who has impressed you.

You should say:

when you watched the film
what role this person plays in the film
what the film is about

and why you find this person impressive.

Personal Answer

Standard Answer

I liked watching Julia Roberts in "My Best Friend's Wedding". I watched it when I was in college. It is a movie about a woman and her best male friend. This woman gets a call one day from this friend saying that he is getting married. She feels jealous and tries to ruin his wedding. In the end, she realizes that her behavior was stupid, and she wishes her best friend and his bride the very best. Julia Roberts is the main character in this movie and I like her because her acting was very good as usual and there were many lines that were very funny.

Advanced Answer

I watched a movie called "Forrest Gump" when I was in high school because my friend recommended it to me. The movie is about a man named Forrest whose IQ is 75. Tom Hanks plays this mentally handicapped person who receives endless love from his mother, and he, in turn, shows endless love toward another woman. Throughout the movie, I felt sympathetic toward this diligent and innocent character. Hanks was impressive because he gave such a wonderful performance. I cannot imagine how hard it was to act as a mentally handicapped person.

Part 3

Question 1

Do you think there is too much violence in films? Do you think such portrayals are harmful to anyone?

Suggested input

violent movies, viewers may behave more aggressively, more prone to hold attitudes that favour violence and aggression, harmful to youngsters

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Yes. Moviemakers these days focus on making box office hits, and they include many scenes that are too violent for viewers. I think that violent movies are addictive just like spicy food, so the more the viewers are exposed to the violent movies, the more they become immune to the violence. This makes them want to see even more violent movies that can stimulate their brains. Violent movies are not only harmful to adults, but also extremely harmful to youngsters because such movies brainwash them.

Question 2

Do you think there should be a limit on the time that children spend watching television? Why, or why not?

Suggested input

excessive TV watching, compromise early childhood development, hinder learning, adversely affect health, stimulate aggressive behaviour, become overweight, reduce physical activity and subject children to ads promoting foods with high fat and sugar content

Personal Answer

Model Answer

Definitely, because children cannot make the right decision for themselves. There are many TV programmes that are not suitable for children such as adult programmes, violent movies, or crime documentaries with vivid detail. In addition, watching too much TV will distract them from school-work. Therefore, children should only be allowed to watch TV at a certain time for a short period when there are educational programmes available for them.

Question 3

What is your opinion on unauthorised sale of CDs or DVDs?

Suggested input

sales of unauthorised/pirated CDs/DVDs from any source, illegal, buy at conventional retail stores or from reputable websites

Personal Answer

Model Answer

I strongly think that the unauthorised sale of CDs or DVDs should be restricted because such acts are called pirating. I am a DVD collector, and I have to admit that it costs a lot of money to buy DVDs, but the money I spend on buying DVDs allows moviemakers to make even better movies.

Question 4

How has television in your country changed in recent years?

Suggested input

in the past, restricted, censored, since 2003, all channels, made available via satellite, cable TV, many translated programmes from Reuters, ESPN, Discovery Channel, BBC plus about 40 original channels, pay for these programmes

Personal Answer

Model Answer

In the past, television in my country used to be very restricted in many ways. There were only a few programmes available to viewers. Programmes, songs, and even the news were all highly censored. However, nowadays, there are now a wide variety of programmes viewers can choose from, and they are very open due to the influence of western culture.

Question 5

Why has television become one of the most powerful media today?

Suggested input

most powerful media, visual, acoustic, prefer TV

Personal Answer

Model Answer

In my opinion, television has become one of the most powerful media sources today because everyone has access to a TV. Each household has at least one TV now, and that enables them to receive information quickly. In addition, television is visual, as well as acoustic, so people prefer TV to radio or newspapers.

More Questions

1. Is film a useful medium for education? What sort of things can be usefully taught by film?

   Personal Answer

2. Evaluate the influence of violent films on young people.

   Personal Answer

3. What is the reasoning behind censorship?

   Personal Answer

4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of making films of real-life events?

   Personal Answer

5. What do you think makes a good film?

   Personal Answer

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Vocabulary

serial drama
new release
unexpected
twisted
cheesy
emotional
performance
effect
stage
admit
luxury
favored
adapt
imported
scene
relieve
public entertainment
current
knowledgeable
case
civil law
presenter
expert
informative
instructive
jealous
ruin
wish someone the best
as usual
line
mentally handicapped

endless
in turn
innocent
impressive
violence
portrayal
box office hit
addictive
be exposed to
immune to
stimulate
youngster
brainwash *n., v.*
suitable
vivid
distract
unauthorised
restrict
pirate
censor
due to
influence
household
enable
visual
acoustic
medium
evaluate
reasoning
censorship

Answers

Speak up – Step 1 Model Answers
Part 3 More Questions & Model Answers

Chapter 1 Personal Information

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 | Model Answers p.32

Statement

(1) you It is easy for *you* to remember him by this name.
(2) he It is easy for *him* to remember him by this name.
(3) we It is easy for *us* to remember him by this name.
(4) she It is easy for *her* to remember him by this name.
(5) they It is easy for *them* to remember him by this name.

Question

(1) you Is it easy for *you* to remember him by this name?
(2) he Is it easy for *him* to remember him by this name?
(3) we Is it easy for *us* to remember him by this name?
(4) she Is it easy for *her* to remember him by this name?
(5) they Is it easy for *them* to remember him by this name?

No Answer

(1) I No, it isn't easy for *me* to remember him by this name.
(2) he No, it isn't easy for *him* to remember him by this name.
(3) we No, it isn't easy for *us* to remember him by this name.
(4) she No, it isn't easy for *her* to remember him by this name.
(5) they No, it isn't easy for *them* to remember him by this name.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, it is easy for *me* to remember him by this name.
(2) he Yes, it is easy for *him* to remember him by this name.
(3) we Yes, it is easy for *us* to remember him by this name.
(4) she Yes, it is easy for *her* to remember him by this name.
(5) they Yes, it is easy for *them* to remember him by this name.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions | Model Answers p.43

Q1 What do you think you are talented in?

A I am talented in only a few things. I took music lessons when I was young, so I can play the piano and the flute well. Also, I majored in design in my university, so I can draw. I have learned what kind of design is good and attractive to people. I think it is better for people to be talented in one or two things, rather than many things. Then they can focus their energies on improving just one skill.

Q2 How much are you influenced by your friends in terms of personality?

A My friends influence my personality a lot. I have known my friends since I was an elementary school student. Not only did we hang out in school, but we also went out on the weekends. We copy each other's habits and preferences for food and clothing. My friends also give me advice about my personality.

Q3 Are you willing to change your personality if many people find some aspects of it to be disagreeable?

A If someone finds an aspect of my personality to be disagreeable, I have to find out why. Sometimes I make a mistake and may be unaware of how I treat people. In that case, I can try and think more before I speak or do something. It may also be the case that the other person is being unreasonable, so in that case, I would not change my personality.

Q4 Do you believe that people considered eccentric are talented in certain fields?

A I think eccentric people can be talented in certain fields. Many great historical figures also had very strange personalities. Isaac Newton, for example, was a brilliant scientist and physicist, but he was also an extremely antisocial person with a very short temper. If someone's eccentricity doesn't overshadow his or her talents, then they can succeed in any field.

Q5 Do you plan to have a different family life from that of your parents? What are some changes you would like to make?

A In general I think I want to have the same life as my parents. I was raised in a comfortable home and was given the opportunity to have a good education. I want to give my children those same opportunities. There will be some differences in the way I raise them, of course, since my family is of a different generation, but in general it will be similar.

Chapter 2 Family

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 Model Answers p.48

Statement

(1) you *You* live with *your* family near *your* brother's house.

(2) he *He* lives with *his* family near *his* brother's house.

(3) we *We* live with *our* family near *our* brother's house.

(4) she *She* lives with *her* family near *her* brother's house.

(5) they *They* live with *their* family near *their* brother's house.

Question

(1) you Do *you* live with *your* family near *your* brother's house?

(2) he Does *he* live with *his* family near *his* brother's house?

(3) we Do *we* live with *our* family near *our* brother's house?

(4) she Does *she* live with *her* family near *her* brother's house?

(5) they Do *they* live with *their* family near *their* brother's house?

No Answer

(1) I No, *I* don't live with *my* family near *my* brother's house.

(2) he No, *he* doesn't live with *his* family near *his* brother's house.

(3) we No, *we* don't live with *our* family near *our* brother's house.

(4) she No, *she* doesn't live with *her* family near *her* brother's house.

(5) they No, *they* don't live with *their* family near *their* brother's house.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, *I* live with *my* family near *my* brother's house.

(2) he Yes, *he* lives with *his* family near *his* brother's house.

(3) we Yes, *we* live with *our* family near *our* brother's house.

(4) she Yes, *she* lives with *her* family near *her* brother's house.

(5) they Yes, *they* live with *their* family near *their* brother's house.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions | Model Answers p.60

Q1 In a family, do you feel that sons are closer to their fathers and daughters to their mothers in general?

A I think in the past, it was more common for sons to feel closer to their fathers and daughters to feel closer to their mothers. Families usually wanted sons to pass on the family line in my country. These days, however, this is not always the case. A son or daughter can be close to both parents.

Q2 In your opinion, is it important for a married couple to have children?

A For most people who marry it is important to have children. Some couples choose not to have children, though, for a number of reasons. They may be unable to have children, or they don't find it necessary to have them. Couples can also adopt children if they cannot have them on their own.

Q3 Is it acceptable for couples to live together before they get married?

A In Vietnam, it is traditional for young people to live with their parents until they marry. More and more people these days, though, live together before they get married. It is cheaper to live with one's parents, but living with your future spouse can also have advantages. Some people like to try out living together before making a commitment.

Q4 Do you think families with a single parent pose a threat to society?

A I don't think single-parent families are a threat to society. They usually form through unfortunate circumstances, which are not their fault. Sometimes a spouse dies of disease or in an accident or they abandon the family. It is best for a child to have two parents, but I don't think single-parent families threaten other families.

Q5 How will tomorrow's family be different from the one today?

A The family of the future will largely be the same as the one today. It doesn't matter where they come from or where they live. It will be about love and relationships and trying to do one's best for the children. One change might be that family members move around a lot more than even now. People will move far away from their home to go to school or take the job of their dreams.

Chapter 3 Home Town / Neighborhood / Accommodation

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 | Model Answers p.66

Statement

(1) you *You* grew up seeing the same faces every day.
(2) he *He* grew up seeing the same faces every day.
(3) we *We* grew up seeing the same faces every day.
(4) she *She* grew up seeing the same faces every day.
(5) they *They* grew up seeing the same faces every day.

Question

(1) you Did *you* grow up seeing the same faces every day?
(2) he Did *he* grow up seeing the same faces every day?
(3) we Did *we* grow up seeing the same faces every day?
(4) she Did *she* grow up seeing the same faces every day?
(5) they Did *they* grow up seeing the same faces every day?

No Answer

(1) I No, *I* didn't grow up seeing the same faces every day.
(2) he No, *he* didn't grow up seeing the same faces every day.
(3) we No, *we* didn't grow up seeing the same faces every day.
(4) she No, *she* didn't grow up seeing the same faces every day.
(5) they No, *they* didn't grow up seeing the same faces every day.

Yes Answer

(1) I — Yes, *I* grew up seeing the same faces every day.

(2) he — Yes, *he* grew up seeing the same faces every day.

(3) we — Yes, *we* grew up seeing the same faces every day.

(4) she — Yes, *she* grew up seeing the same faces every day.

(5) they — Yes, *they* grew up seeing the same faces every day.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions Model Answers p.78

Q1 Are you satisfied with your current accommodation?

A Yes, I am satisfied with my current accommodation. My apartment building is very clean and in a central location. It has good facilities and services. The management is also very helpful. One bad thing about my accommodation though is the price. The monthly rent is quite expensive and the utility bills are also very high.

Q2 What do you think of shared accommodation such as having roommates or living in a dormitory?

A I think shared accommodation can be great if one lives with the right kind of people. Sharing an apartment or dormitory can be a great experience. Living with good friends can be a joyful experience. Sometimes, it can also be very stressful. A person may see qualities in their friend they didn't see before. Also, living with other people who aren't relatives requires special manners, so if one doesn't have those manners, it might cause conflict.

Q3 How have relationships between neighbours changed in the past decade?

A Over time, relationships between neighbours have grown more distant. Neighbours in the past were generally friendlier with each other. These days, if I see my neighbour, I don't bother to say "hello." I think that is more the case in the city, where people live very close together. In the countryside, neighbours probably interact with each other more.

Q4 What do you think a community should do in order to improve relationships between neighbours?

A Communities should try to improve the relationships between neighbours. Occasionally, there will be situations or problems that require neighbours to think and work together. Communities like apartment buildings or housing block associations can organize parties or other get-togethers. This allows people to meet and get to know one another. It is then easier to ask a neighbour for help in the future, if it is necessary.

Chapter 4 Travel / Vacation / Tourism

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 Model Answers p.84

Statement

(1) you — *Your* company allows *you* to take four days off.

(2) he — *His* company allows *him* to take four days off.

(3) we — *Our* company allows *us* to take four days off.

(4) she — *Her* company allows *her* to take four days off.

(5) they — *Their* company allows *them* to take four days off.

Question

(1) you — Does *your* company allow *you* to take four days off?

(2) he — Does *his* company allow *him* to take four days off?

(3) we — Does *our* company allow *us* to take four days off?

(4) she — Does *her* company allow *her* to take four days off?

(5) they — Does *their* company allow *them* to take four days off?

No Answer

(1) I	No, *my* company doesn't allow *me* to take four days off.
(2) he	No, *his* company doesn't allow *him* to take four days off.
(3) we	No, *our* company doesn't allow *us* to take four days off.
(4) she	No, *her* company doesn't allow *her* to take four days off.
(5) they	No, *their* company doesn't allow *them* to take four days off.

Yes Answer

(1) I	Yes, *my* company allows *me* to take four days off.
(2) he	Yes, *his* company allows *him* to take four days off.
(3) we	Yes, *our* company allows *us* to take four days off.
(4) she	Yes, *her* company allows *her* to take four days off.
(5) they	Yes, *their* company allows *them* to take four days off.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions | Model Answers p.96

Q1 How do you think holidays will change in the next 10 years?

A Plane travel is becoming cheaper and cheaper. In Europe and North America, there are already several low-cost airline companies that fly to many places. If similar companies are started in Asia and the rest of the world, then that will greatly increase opportunities for travel. Tourists want more exciting experiences these days, so they want to travel to more exotic places.

Q2 Why do people need to have vacations?

A People need to have vacations to relieve stress. Modern working life provides many opportunities for advancement and high salaries. However, people who want that have to work very hard. Vacations allow working people to take a break and recharge. They can go back to work energised, refreshed, and more ready to accomplish their goals.

Q3 What can limit the growth of tourism in the future?

A There are a number of factors that can limit the growth of tourism in the future. People in developing nations are becoming wealthier, so they can afford to take vacations abroad. Tourist infrastructure needs to improve and expand to handle the greater number of travelers. If it does not, that will limit both people's enjoyment and the growth of tourist industries.

Q4 How have people's expectations about holidays changed over the last 20 years?

A People have read about and seen on TV or the Internet many of the most popular tourist sites. Places like the Statue of Liberty in New York or the Eiffel Tower in Paris already seem familiar to people. Over the past twenty years, people's expectations about holidays have changed. They want to see unfamiliar and exciting places. They also want to do more than just ride around in a tour bus with other people. Activities like paragliding and safaris are much more popular now.

Q5 How is the tourism industry in your country today different from 50 years ago?

A Tourism in Vietnam was non-existent more than 35 years ago. The only foreign people here were American soldiers and UN personnel working after the Vietnam War. It was an absolutely devastating conflict and there was no infrastructure to support any kind of tourist industry. Now, transportation and tourist accommodations are world-class, so millions of tourists each year visit Vietnam.

Chapter 5 Places

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 | Model Answers p.102

Statement

(1) you	*You* like visiting cities with a long history.
(2) he	*He* likes visiting cities with a long history.
(3) we	*We* like visiting cities with a long history.
(4) she	*She* likes visiting cities with a long history.
(5) they	*They* like visiting cities with a long history.

Question

(1) you Do *you* like visiting cities with a long history?
(2) he Does *he* like visiting cities with a long history?
(3) we Do *we* like visiting cities with a long history?
(4) she Does *she* like visiting cities with a long history?
(5) they Do *they* like visiting cities with a long history?

No Answer

(1) I No, *I* don't like visiting cities with a long history.
(2) he No, *he* doesn't like visiting cities with a long history.
(3) we No, *we* don't like visiting cities with a long history.
(4) she No, *she* doesn't like visiting cities with a long history.
(5) they No, *they* don't like visiting cities with a long history.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, *I* like visiting cities with a long history.
(2) he Yes, *he* likes visiting cities with a long history.
(3) we Yes, *we* like visiting cities with a long history.
(4) she Yes, *she* likes visiting cities with a long history.
(5) they Yes, *they* like visiting cities with a long history.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions **Model Answers** p.114

Q1 What kinds of places in the world are threatened by construction or other types of progress and development?

A Many places are threatened by development. The world's population is becoming more and more urban, and this puts more of a demand on natural resources. Valuable habitats, like rainforests, are being destroyed. The bad effects are not noticeable at first, but they will add up until something devastating happens, which affects human life.

Q2 What is your opinion on museum art, as opposed to pop culture?

A Museum art is more traditional. They create an important image of our past history. Pop culture, on the other hand, is about the present. New songs and trends appear and then disappear just as fast. People like pop culture because it is dynamic and fun. Others prefer the more stable images of a constructed past.

Q3 What is the role of public art, for example statues and buildings?

A In the city, public art plays a very important role. Public works can create and encourage a national identity. Statues of famous heroes from a country's history make people feel patriotic. Other kinds of art make public spaces more beautiful and enjoyable. The daily experience of people is affected by their surroundings, which public art can improve.

Q4 Do you think it is important to preserve historical areas in countries? Why?

A Yes, it is very important to preserve historical areas. We construct an image of our country and ourselves based on history. In order to better understand it, we have to preserve historical areas. They help us to know where we have come from. We can then pass on this knowledge to our children.

Q5 Do you think your country needs museums and art galleries?

A My country has many museums and art galleries. They are well developed and receive adequate funding. It would be good if there were some more, though. I think they would benefit the cultural life of the country and help it become more famous in the world. New museums and galleries would also help educate children.

Chapter 6 Transport

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 Model Answers p.120

Statement

(1) you *You* are lucky to get here on time.
(2) he *He* is lucky to get here on time.
(3) we *We* are lucky to get here on time.
(4) she *She* is lucky to get here on time.
(5) they *They* are lucky to get here on time.

Question

(1) you Are *you* lucky to get here on time?
(2) he Is *he* lucky to get here on time?
(3) we Are *we* lucky to get here on time?
(4) she Is *she* lucky to get here on time?
(5) they Are *they* lucky to get here on time?

No Answer

(1) I No, *I* am not lucky to get here on time.
(2) he No, *he* is not lucky to get here on time.
(3) we No, *we* are not lucky to get here on time.
(4) she No, *she* is not lucky to get here on time.
(5) they No, *they* are not lucky to get here on time.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, *I* am lucky to get here on time.
(2) he Yes, *he* is lucky to get here on time.
(3) we Yes, *we* are lucky to get here on time.
(4) she Yes, *she* is lucky to get here on time.
(5) they Yes, *they* are lucky to get here on time.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions Model Answers p.132

Q1 What are some advantages and disadvantages of having a private car?

A Private cars are very convenient. If I have a car, I can travel anywhere I want to at any time. I don't have to wait for a bus or a train, nor do I have to ask my friend for a ride. The downside of having a car is the cost. They are expensive to buy and extra money is needed for maintenance, insurance, and gasoline. They also cause lots of air pollution.

Q2 Can you compare public and private transportation?

A Public and private transportation have very different purposes. The government funds public transportation for specific purposes. Buses provide an efficient way to transport people to work and so are essential for the national economy. Private transportation is bought and paid for by individuals who use it for their own desires. This includes commuting to work and also other activities like shopping and going on trips.

Q3 How have methods of transportation in your country been improved?

A Transportation in my country has improved tremendously over the past couple of decades. There are efficient highways that allow the transportation of goods to all parts of Vietnam. A high-speed train system efficiently carries people from the north to the south. There are also good transportation links to major airports and seaports.

Q4 What kinds of public transportation are available in your country?

A There are many types of public transportation available in Vietnam. People can use the very clean and timely airway system. There is also an extensive bus system that reaches all parts of the city and the suburbs. Public transportation in Vietnam also includes trains to major cities and ferries to many islands.

Q5 What kind of transportation will there be in the future?

A Transportation will be very different in the future. Environmental pollution will require society to find new ways of moving people. Gasoline-powered cars will

not be an option. High-speed magnetic levitating trains might replace shorter airplane trips, reducing the majority of pollution that comes from airplanes.

Chapter 7 Your Country and Culture

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 Model Answers p.138

Statement

(1) you The famous site for this festival is in *your* town.
(2) he The famous site for this festival is in *his* town.
(3) we The famous site for this festival is in *our* town.
(4) she The famous site for this festival is in *her* town.
(5) they The famous site for this festival is in *their* town.

Question

(1) you Is the famous site for this festival in *your* town?
(2) he Is the famous site for this festival in *his* town?
(3) we Is the famous site for this festival in *our* town?
(4) she Is the famous site for this festival in *her* town?
(5) they Is the famous site for this festival in *their* town?

No Answer

(1) I No, the famous site for this festival isn't in *my* town.
(2) he No, the famous site for this festival isn't in *his* town.
(3) we No, the famous site for this festival isn't in *our* town.
(4) she No, the famous site for this festival isn't in *her* town.
(5) they No, the famous site for this festival isn't in *their* town.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, the famous site for this festival is in *my* town.
(2) he Yes, the famous site for this festival is in *his* town.
(3) we Yes, the famous site for this festival is in *our* town.
(4) she Yes, the famous site for this festival is in *her* town.
(5) they Yes, the famous site for this festival is in *their* town.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions Model Answers p.151

Q1 How do you feel about patriotism?

A I think patriotism can be useful. The workers of a nation are more productive if they feel like they are contributing to a greater goal. Too much patriotism can be blinding, though, and prevent calm and reasoned debate about important issues. It is good to take pride in the accomplishments of one's country, but not at other people's loss.

Q2 Do you think that it is useful to maintain your culture's traditional stories such as myths and folk tales?

A It is not only useful, but also very important for Vietnamese people to maintain traditional stories and folk tales. The modern world is very connected, so it is important to preserve those things that make Vietnamese culture unique. If the younger generation is exposed only to pop culture from other countries, cultural insights and lessons from the past will be lost.

Q3 What big changes will happen in your country over the next ten years?

A There might be some big changes in Vietnam over the next ten years. Vietnam is continuing to grow economically, having almost fully recovered from the Asian financial crisis of 1997. Vietnam will find its place in the international system as one of the most powerful medium-sized countries. In order to achieve that, there will have to be more economic, educational, and social reforms from within.

Q4 What are some problems your country faces currently?

A Vietnam has come a long way. Few other countries have experienced as much devastation as Vietnam did during the Vietnam War. Vietnam is still a developing country now and faces problems from common enormous economic growth. Environmental problems continue to make people sick and to make life less enjoyable. The current education system, though adequate for the needs of the past, must be reformed or else Vietnam will fall behind in the world.

Q5 Why do people in your country emigrate?

A Vietnamese people have immigrated to other countries for many decades now. The first Vietnamese who left emigrated to western countries. In the years after the Vietnam War, many Vietnamese people moved away to find more economic opportunities. Many went to the United States of America where more than one million ethnic Vietnamese people live in just the California area alone.

Chapter 8 Communication

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 | Model Answers p.158

Statement

(1) you *You* keep in touch with *your* family by calling them.

(2) he *He* keeps in touch with *his* family by calling them.

(3) we *We* keep in touch with *our* family by calling them.

(4) she *She* keeps in touch with *her* family by calling them.

(5) they *They* keep in touch with *their* family by calling them.

Question

(1) you Do *you* keep in touch with *your* family by calling them?

(2) he Does *he* keep in touch with *his* family by calling them?

(3) we Do *we* keep in touch with *our* family by calling them?

(4) she Does *she* keep in touch with *her* family by calling them?

(5) they Do *they* keep in touch with *their* family by calling them?

No Answer

(1) I No, *I* don't keep in touch with *my* family by calling them.

(2) he No, *he* doesn't keep in touch with *his* family by calling them.

(3) we No, *we* don't keep in touch with *our* family by calling them.

(4) she No, *she* doesn't keep in touch with *her* family by calling them.

(5) they No, *they* don't keep in touch with *their* family by calling them.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, *I* keep in touch with *my* family by calling them.

(2) he Yes, *he* keeps in touch with *his* family by calling them.

(3) we Yes, *we* keep in touch with *our* family by calling them.

(4) she Yes, *she* keeps in touch with *her* family by calling them.

(5) they Yes, *they* keep in touch with *their* family by calling them.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions | Model Answers p.169

Q1 Do you think telecommunications companies in your country or in your host country are charging unreasonable fees for the mobile phone service they provide?

A I think the telecommunications fees in Vietnam are quite reasonable. Vietnam has advanced cell phone and Internet networks. Cell phone service is also very quick and efficient. Customers who buy a new phone can immediately start using them instead of having to wait a day or two.

Q2 How do people in your country communicate with authorities in emergency situations?

A In general, Vietnam is a safe country. In emergency situations, though, people can communicate with authorities very easily here. Almost everyone has a mobile phone that can be used anywhere, even underground. If there is a fire or a robbery, people can easily communicate with the fire department or the police.

Q3 When should children be allowed to own a cellular phone?

A I think children should own a cellular phone as soon as they understand how to use one. Parents feel safer knowing they can communicate with their sons or daughters anytime. It is also good to teach children how to use important technology at an early age. This might help them to be more creative in the future.

Q4 What is your opinion on Internet chat rooms?

A I think Internet chat rooms are very important. They allow people to meet online and discuss important issues of the day. Sometimes, though, people are not polite online. They say really terrible things they would never say in real life to other people. Those people make it hard to have a meaningful debate. Other than that, I think Internet chat rooms, as well as discussion boards, are important outlets for expressing one's opinion.

Q5 In what ways will technology affect how people communicate in the future?

A Technology has already completely transformed how people communicate. Mobile phones and the Internet have made communicating with any person anywhere on the planet with access to that technology very easy. In the future, such communication will not only become cheaper, but more advanced. There might be "smart agents" that will help us to communicate with others and manage our work and social lives.

Chapter 9 People

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 | Model Answers p.174

Statement

(1) you *You* dread meeting these kinds of people.
(2) he *He* dreads meeting these kinds of people.
(3) we *We* dread meeting these kinds of people.
(4) she *She* dreads meeting these kinds of people.
(5) they *They* dread meeting these kinds of people.

Question

(1) you Do *you* dread meeting these kinds of people?
(2) he Does *he* dread meeting these kinds of people?
(3) we Do *we* dread meeting these kinds of people?
(4) she Does *she* dread meeting these kinds of people?
(5) they Do *they* dread meeting these kinds of people?

No Answer

(1) I No, *I* don't dread meeting these kinds of people.
(2) he No, *he* doesn't dread meeting these kinds of people.
(3) we No, *we* don't dread meeting these kinds of people.
(4) she No, *she* doesn't dread meeting these kinds of people.
(5) they No, *they* don't dread meeting these kinds of people.

Yes Answer

(1) I — Yes, *I* dread meeting these kinds of people.
(2) he — Yes, *he* dreads meeting these kinds of people.
(3) we — Yes, *we* dread meeting these kinds of people.
(4) she — Yes, *she* dreads meeting these kinds of people.
(5) they — Yes, *they* dread meeting these kinds of people.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions | Model Answers p.186

Q1 How do you deal with a difficult classmate / colleague / boss?

A We meet many people in our lives. Sometimes, there are people who are difficult to deal with. Each person has a different approach to difficult people depending on their personality and on the situation. Usually, though, it is best to approach others in a calm and rational manner. Then one can talk to the difficult person and try to solve the problem.

Q2 Do you think colleagues should be friends?

A I think it depends on the company and the personality of the colleagues. In some companies, it would be unproductive for colleagues to go beyond just a professional relationship. In other places, being friends would help make the workplace become more comfortable and inviting. There are also cultural differences among workplaces in different countries. American colleagues, for example, do not usually drink together whereas in Vietnam that is very common.

Q3 What do you think is the most important quality in a person?

A I think the most important quality in a person depends on the situation. In a friend, the most important quality is loyalty. A loyal friend is trustworthy and also helpful in times of need. For a boss or a manager, being responsible is the most important quality. The leader of any company is responsible for the livelihoods of all his or her employees and so needs to be committed and hard-working.

Q4 What quality is necessary in a person to do well in a group?

A Working with others is a special kind of skill. People need to understand the feelings and intentions of others in order to work in a group, otherwise there is miscommunication. People, in their minds, tend to emphasize their own contributions to a project while not acknowledging the full contribution of others in a team. Understanding that people sometimes mistakenly think this way can reduce conflict in a group.

Q5 What quality do you dislike in a person?

A I dislike people who are too picky. Everyone has his or her own preferences of course. Especially with food, people tend to like certain things more than others. Being too picky is different, however. It is more a mental attitude against anything that is unfamiliar or different. This attitude may or may not be based on a fear of the unknown, like a new kind of cuisine one has never tried before. People should not base their decision on fear, though.

Chapter 10 Environment

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 | Model Answers p.192

Statement

(1) you — *You* enjoy taking a bath three times a week.
(2) he — *He* enjoys taking a bath three times a week.
(3) we — *We* enjoy taking a bath three times a week.
(4) she — *She* enjoys taking a bath three times a week.
(5) they — *They* enjoy taking a bath three times a week.

Question

(1) you — Do *you* enjoy taking a bath three times a week?
(2) he — Does *he* enjoy taking a bath three times a week?
(3) we — Do *we* enjoy taking a bath three times a week?
(4) she — Does *she* enjoy taking a bath three times a week?
(5) they — Do *they* enjoy taking a bath three times a week?

No Answer

(1) I — No, *I* don't enjoy taking a bath three times a week.
(2) he — No, *he* doesn't enjoy taking a bath three times a week.
(3) we — No, *we* don't enjoy taking a bath three times a week.
(4) she — No, *she* doesn't enjoy taking a bath three times a week.
(5) they — No, *they* don't enjoy taking a bath three times a week.

Yes Answer

(1) I — Yes, *I* enjoy taking a bath three times a week.
(2) he — Yes, *he* enjoys taking a bath three times a week.
(3) we — Yes, *we* enjoy taking a bath three times a week.
(4) she — Yes, *she* enjoys taking a bath three times a week.
(5) they — Yes, *they* enjoy taking a bath three times a week.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions | **Model Answers** p.204

Q1 Do you think that environmental pollution will still exist in the future?

A Humans can greatly reduce the amount of environmental pollution in the future, but I don't think it can ever be completely eliminated. We need to reduce the amount of harm done to our environment, or else life will be much harder for our children and grandchildren. They will have a harder time staying healthy and enjoying nature if there is too much pollution.

Q2 How can pollution be reduced?

A Pollution can be reduced in many ways. It takes both a change in government policy and in individuals' actions. Governments need to give money for the research and development of green technology. Individuals need to understand how their actions affect the greater world. Doing this can improve living standards and economic prosperity for everyone.

Q3 Do you think that stopping global warming is solely up to the government?

A Stopping global warming is not solely up to the government. They do play a very important role by educating people and giving money for research. They also can make laws and regulate polluters. However, individual citizens also play an important part. People need to educate themselves and others on the best ways to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide they produce.

Q4 How will global warming affect your country in the future?

A Global warming will have devastating effects on Vietnam. It would be very hard for the Vietnamese government to provide for people displaced by rising sea levels and climate change. Vietnam is also a small country, unlike America or Canada, so it would not be possible to relocate people to safer or more productive land.

Q5 What are the advantages and disadvantages of using plastic goods?

A Plastic goods have many advantages, which is why they are used so much in modern life. They are relatively cheap to produce, durable, and can be made into many different products. Daily life would be very different without plastic goods. Unfortunately, they are made from oil, which is a scarce resource. Plastics also last a very long time, so they end up as lots of trash in landfills.

Chapter 11 Animals / Pets

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 | **Model Answers** p.210

Statement

(1) you — *You* have been a big fan of animals.
(2) he — *He* has been a big fan of animals.
(3) we — *We* have been a big fan of animals.
(4) she — *She* has been a big fan of animals.
(5) they — *They* have been a big fan of animals.

Question

(1) you Have *you* been a big fan of animals?
(2) he Has *he* been a big fan of animals?
(3) we Have *we* been a big fan of animals?
(4) she Has *she* been a big fan of animals?
(5) they Have *they* been a big fan of animals?

No Answer

(1) I No, *I* haven't been a big fan of animals.
(2) he No, *he* hasn't been a big fan of animals.
(3) we No, *we* haven't been a big fan of animals.
(4) she No, *she* hasn't been a big fan of animals.
(5) they No, *they* haven't been a big fan of animals.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, *I* have been a big fan of animals.
(2) he Yes, *he* has been a big fan of animals.
(3) we Yes, *we* have been a big fan of animals.
(4) she Yes, *she* has been a big fan of animals.
(5) they Yes, *they* have been a big fan of animals.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions | Model Answers p.222

Q1 Tell me some of the problems that endangered animals are facing.

A Endangered animals around the world face a number of problems. Habitat loss is a major one. With growing populations and expanding cities, people need more resources and land. This destroys or changes habitats, making it very difficult for animals to survive. Air and water pollution and trash also affect endangered animals' health.

Q2 Are animals respected more now than in the past?

A I think people are more aware about animals than in the past. I don't think they are more respected, however. People like to take care of their pets, of course, but they are usually unaware of how their everyday actions harm animals in the wild. If they understood what effect pollution had on the environment, most people would be more respectful.

Q3 What kind of animal cruelty is there in the world?

A Unfortunately, there are many examples of animal cruelty in the world. Raising and slaughtering livestock for food requires lots of work. There are times when animals suffer because of poor living conditions or inhumane slaughter. Another example of animal cruelty is when people use animals to fight each other. Dog and rooster fights are banned in most countries because of its cruelty.

Q4 How can we reduce animal cruelty?

A There are several ways we can reduce animal cruelty. The government can pass laws restricting dangerous activities, like raising dogs and roosters for fighting. People can also buy meat that is raised in a humane way; these animals have enough living space to move around and are slaughtered humanely.

Q5 Do you think it is better for animals to live in the wild than in zoos?

A I think zoos serve a special purpose. They allow people to see animals they would never get to see in real life. If the zoos have facilities where the animals are comfortable, then that is mostly good. However, zoos cannot substitute for animal habitats. Endangered and rare species thrive best in a clean environment in the wild.

Chapter 12 Food

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 | Model Answers p.228

Statement

(1) you *You* are very concerned about *your* health.
(2) he *He* is very concerned about *his* health.
(3) we *We* are very concerned about *our* health.
(4) she *She* is very concerned about *her* health.
(5) they *They* are very concerned about *their* health.

Question

(1) you Are *you* concerned about *your* health?
(2) he Is *he* concerned about *his* health?
(3) we Are *we* concerned about *our* health?
(4) she Is *she* concerned about *her* health?
(5) they Are *they* concerned about *their* health?

No Answer

(1) I No, *I* am not concerned about *my* health.
(2) he No, *he* is not concerned about *his* health.
(3) we No, *we* are not concerned about *our* health.
(4) she No, *she* is not concerned about *her* health.
(5) they No, *they* are not concerned about *their* health.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, *I* am concerned about *my* health.
(2) he Yes, *he* is concerned about *his* health.
(3) we Yes, *we* are concerned about *our* health.
(4) she Yes, *she* is concerned about *her* health.
(5) they Yes, *they* are concerned about *their* health.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions | Model Answers p.240

Q1 What role do fast food and junk food play in your country?

A In recent years, western food has become very popular in Vietnam. There are many western fast food outlets in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City and many people also enjoy eating junk food. This can be seen as a sign of progress; the presence of multinational companies in Vietnam means the economy is developed and open. Unfortunately, increasing rates of obesity can also be blamed on that unhealthy food.

Q2 What is your opinion on genetically modified food?

A I think people have to be very careful about genetically modified (GM) food. Even though GM food can bring short-term benefits to farmers and customers, their long-term effects are unknown. I think, at the very least, companies need to be required by law to label any food that contains GM products. That way, consumers can decide for themselves what to buy.

Q3 How have people's eating habits changed over the years?

A People's eating habits have changed quite a bit over the years. The main reason is because people's lives are busier. Healthy and delicious food requires lots of preparation and cooking time. Unfortunately, few people have the time to spend several hours making a meal. Many instant foods or convenient products at the store are processed to help people save time. People also eat more often at fast food places or restaurants.

Q4 Do you think cooking should be only a woman's job? Why or why not?

A No, cooking should not only be a woman's job. A long time ago, it was tradition for men in Vietnam to never enter the kitchen of a house. In modern times, both men and women have jobs, so household duties should be shared equally among them. This does not only include cooking, but also cleaning the house and raising the children. This creates a happier family household.

Q5 Does traditional cooking have more benefits than modern cooking?

A Traditional cooking has more health benefits than modern cooking. It also tastes much better. This is because that kind of cooking uses fresh ingredients. For example, the more a vegetable or piece of fruit is processed, the less healthy and tasty it gets. One benefit of modern cooking is its speed. People have very busy lives these days, so it is sometimes impossible to cook a traditional meal.

Chapter 13 Interest / Hobby / Free Time

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 Model Answers p.246

Statement

(1) you *You* have enjoyed reading since *you* were young.
(2) he *He* has enjoyed reading since *he* was young.
(3) we *We* have enjoyed reading since *we* were young.
(4) she *She* has enjoyed reading since *she* was young.
(5) they *They* have enjoyed reading since *they* were young.

Question

(1) you Have *you* enjoyed reading since *you* were young?
(2) he Has *he* enjoyed reading since *he* was young?
(3) we Have *we* enjoyed reading since *we* were young?
(4) she Has *she* enjoyed reading since *she* was young?
(5) they Have *they* enjoyed reading since *they* were young?

No Answer

(1) I No, *I* haven't enjoyed reading since *I* was young.
(2) he No, *he* hasn't enjoyed reading since *he* was young.
(3) we No, *we* haven't enjoyed reading since *we* were young.
(4) she No, *she* hasn't enjoyed reading since *she* was young.
(5) they No, *they* haven't enjoyed reading since *they* were young.

Yes Answer

(1) I Yes, *I* have enjoyed reading since *I* was young.
(2) he Yes, *he* has enjoyed reading since *he* was young.
(3) we Yes, *we* have enjoyed reading since *we* were young.
(4) she Yes, *she* has enjoyed reading since *she* was young.
(5) they Yes, *they* have enjoyed reading since *they* were young.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions Model Answers p.257

Q1 What are the benefits and drawbacks of having a hobby?

A Having a hobby is usually beneficial. People need to relax on the weekends or after work and relieve stress. Hobbies like painting, making mosaics, or playing an instrument can be very soothing. The only drawback might be if some people are too enthusiastic about their hobby. This means they spend too much money or too much time on their hobby, crowding out their friends and family.

Q2 What leisure activities do you recommend to combat stress?

A Many leisure activities combat stress. Physical exercise, like weight training or sports, gives us more energy and makes us feel emotionally better. Other activities are more mental. Writing, singing, or doing art helps us organize our thoughts. We can feel better as we practice a hobby like that, knowing that we are improving ourselves.

Q3 How can people be encouraged to develop their interests?

A People need to be encouraged to develop their interests. In school, the right kind of education can help students find what they do best. Basic skills need to be taught and perfected, of course, but students also need to be given creative freedom to develop their interests. This can help them excel later on in their life.

Q4 What kind of outdoor adventures do people your age and gender like?

A Young men like many different kinds of outdoor adventures. They like climbing mountains or wind-surfing. Those who can afford it can also travel to different countries and have outdoor adventures like safaris, snorkeling, and fishing trips.

Q5 Do you know about strange or unique hobbies people have?

A Yes, there are many strange people in the world. These people sometimes have equally strange hobbies. Some of them are funny, like people who go around the world photographing different rest rooms. Others are just very weird. Those kind of hobbies usually involve collecting objects that no one else would ever want to have or even touch.

Chapter 14 Sports / Health

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 Model Answers p.262

Statement

(1) you *You* were a sprinter in *your* school for many years.

(2) he *He* was a sprinter in *his* school for many years.

(3) we *We* were sprinters in *our* school for many years.

(4) she *She* was a sprinter in *her* school for many years.

(5) they *They* were sprinters in *their* school for many years.

Question

(1) you Were *you* a sprinter in *your* school for many years?

(2) he Was *he* a sprinter in *his* school for many years?

(3) we Were *we* sprinters in *our* school for many years?

(4) she Was *she* a sprinter in *her* school for many years?

(5) they Were *they* sprinters in *their* school for many years?

No Answer

(1) I No, *I* wasn't a sprinter in *my* school for many years.

(2) he No, *he* wasn't a sprinter in *his* school for many years.

(3) we No, *we* weren't sprinters in *our* school for many years.

(4) she No, *she* wasn't a sprinter in *her* school for many years.

(5) they No, *they* weren't sprinters in *their* school for many years.

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(5) they Yes, *they* were sprinters in *their* school for many years.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions Model Answers p.273

Q1 What are some differences between watching sports on TV and attending a sporting event?

A Watching sports on TV and attending a sporting event are very different. People do them both for different reasons. When watching sports on TV at home or in a bar, people can relax with friends. They don't have to worry about paying for tickets or traveling to the stadium. However, attending a sporting event in real life can be exhilarating. Watching the game with a cheering crowd is very exciting.

Q2 Is it always important to win at sport? Why, or why not?

A In professional sports, there can be only one team who gets first place. Playing sports is not always about winning, however. Sports are all about teamwork and working with others. They're about pushing oneself as far as possible and achieving goals. It is important to have competition, of course, but

that's only because competition encourages people to make themselves better.

Q3 What is a common disease in your part of the country?

A There are not too many dangerous diseases in my home town, fortunately. For some reason, though, people in Vietnam do have a higher rate of cancer. There are also the usual ailments that appear in industrialised countries, like high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes. Avian influenza is still a threat and the government is taking measures to prevent it.

Q4 What is your opinion on euthanasia?

A Euthanasia is a very controversial subject. Some argue that it is cruel to unnecessarily prolong the lives of those who are terminally ill and are suffering great pain. Others say that doctors are trained to heal people, not to help them die. There are many religious, social, and medical arguments that argue one way or the other about euthanasia.

Q5 Is being physically fit the same as being healthy?

A Being physically fit is not always the same as being healthy. Someone who looks like they are healthy may in fact have high blood pressure or some other sort of chronic condition. Even someone without a disease may have a severe mental condition that others cannot see. Major depression is a serious illness that affects a person's whole life.

Chapter 15 TV / Movies

Warm-up

Speak up – Step 1 | **Model Answers** p.278

Statement

(1) you	*You* don't mind watching sad love stories.
(2) he	*He* doesn't mind watching sad love stories.
(3) we	*We* don't mind watching sad love stories.
(4) she	*She* doesn't mind watching sad love stories.
(5) they	*They* don't mind watching sad love stories.

Question

(1) you	Do *you* mind watching sad love stories?
(2) he	Does *he* mind watching sad love stories?
(3) we	Do *we* mind watching sad love stories?
(4) she	Does *she* mind watching sad love stories?
(5) they	Do *they* mind watching sad love stories?

No Answer

(1) I	No, *I* don't mind watching sad love stories.
(2) he	No, *he* doesn't mind watching sad love stories.
(3) we	No, *we* don't mind watching sad love stories.
(4) she	No, *she* doesn't mind watching sad love stories.
(5) they	No, *they* don't mind watching sad love stories.

Yes Answer

(1) I	Yes, *I* mind watching sad love stories.
(2) he	Yes, *he* minds watching sad love stories.
(3) we	Yes, *we* mind watching sad love stories.
(4) she	Yes, *she* minds watching sad love stories.
(5) they	Yes, *they* mind watching sad love stories.

Practice Test – Part 3

More Questions | **Model Answers** p.289

Q1 Is film a useful medium for education? What sort of things can be usefully taught by film?

A Film is a useful medium to help educate people. A teacher can explain concepts well, but sometimes it is also good to show people those concepts in a film. In classes for art or design, for example, students can understand the subject better if they see moving images of paintings, sculptures, buildings, or other objects. Films cannot replace teachers, but they are very useful.

Q2 Evaluate the influence of violent films on young people.

A Extremely violent films should not be shown to very young children. There is no reason for them to watch such extreme and graphic violence. For teenagers

and young adults, however, violent movies probably don't affect their behavior. Rather, more people who are already inclined to be violent seek to watch those kinds of movies and to play violent video games.

Q3 What is the reasoning behind censorship?

A There are many reasons why governments and the media censor information. Sometimes, the government needs to protect their citizens, so they censor important national security information. At other times though, they want to keep secret some embarrassing failure. The media sometimes censors news reports because they don't want government officials, often a source of stories, to get angry.

Q4 What are the advantages and disadvantages of making films of real-life events?

A Films of real-life events, called documentaries, can be very useful. They can talk about issues in life that people don't know about. This is good for education. Documentaries don't always tell the whole truth, though. If someone wants to learn about an issue in life, they need to understand it from different perspectives.

Q5 What do you think makes a good film?

A It is very hard to make a good film. There are many different aspects of filmmaking one has to think about. The story is very important. No matter how good the special effects are or how beautiful the actors and actresses are, there still has to be a good plot and good character development. The director can then use good cinematography to build on an interesting story and make a movie audiences will remember.

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